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HOPES AND

'A CURE FOR FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM'

GORDON MILNE
(manager Coventry City)

I HAVE watched football in all four Divisions of the League this season and I am delighted to say the overall impression I have got from England's professionals is they are prepared to have a go, entertain and compete at an exciting level.

Yet the very people who say they want good football, entertainment and value for money are, in the sad case of a minority, ruining the game.

I think I speak for everybody in football on my side of the fence when I say football would be better off if the hooligan element learned to behave or stayed at home. Believe me, the players have no time for so-called fans who use foul language and fight on the terraces.

Too many people are lost to football because they are unwilling to risk contact with the violent and unruly element who rampage through the streets and lay siege to railway stations.

Of all the things I look for in 1979, a cure for football hooliganism tops my list.



'A PERMANENT MOVE TO BIRMINGHAM'

BRUCE RIOCH
(on loan from Derby)

AFTER the worst year of my career anything I achieve in 1979 will represent comparable success.

I'm on loan to Birmingham City at the moment, hoping to persuade manager Jim Smith the £50,000 Derby want for a permanent transfer would be money well spent.

Honestly, thoughts of 1978 make me shudder. I don't have to remind anybody about the Argentina World Cup disappointment with Scotland. But after recapturing my form in the pre-season tour with Derby, I went down with food poisoning in Spain, had part of my intestine removed and my appendix out.

Then I came back too soon. I was down 16 pounds in weight and struggled in the First Division. That certainly didn't do me any favours.

But now I have the chance of making a fresh start and I relish the challenge. Most of my career has been spent playing in the Midlands — with Aston Villa and Derby — so St. Andrews is like home from home.

I have never worked with Jim Smith before, but naturally I know lots of the City players. I believe I can add my experience to the manager's squad. My hopes centre around joining City permanently and helping them up the table where they obviously belong.

I find the prospect of playing alongside Trevor Francis, Alan Buckley and Alberto Tarantini, to name but three, very exciting.

'A CHANGE IN THE TAX LAWS'

KEN FRIAR
(Arsenal secretary)

I LOOK forward to 1979 on two separate levels — football in general and my own club in particular.

I deplore the hooliganism, foul language and violence which repeatedly stained 1978. I would dearly like to see the whole crowd atmosphere in the game improve so we could all bring our wives and families to football without fearing for their safety.

From the more personal point of view I want to see us back in Europe next season because the fans love the competition from abroad and the players relish the opportunity to pit their skills against Continental opposition.

On a slightly heavier level, I keep hoping for some change in the taxation system which would allow us to keep our best players.

Sadly, some of our players, although perfectly happy with their game and their club, feel the need to secure their brief careers by playing abroad simply because they lose so much of their earnings in tax.

I'm not saying players should not pay tax. But if there was some system whereby they were able to spread their earnings over a longer period of time, we would avoid what appears to be an inevitable drain of the best players in Britain to the Continent.



'BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH PLAYERS'

PAT PARTRIDGE
(Football League referee)

OUTSTANDING memory for me in 1978 was refereeing at the World Cup Finals — and the warmth of the Argentinian welcome.

I always thought Argentina was a sinister place and that security guards would be bristling with guns.

But what did we experience? Some of the nicest and most generous people in the world. I can remember struggling to find my way round a store. The problem would last just 30 seconds before someone offered advice.

I was also impressed with refereeing and the ability of match officials to work closely together, irrespective of language barriers.

But I am concerned about criticism at home. Of course referees can improve. Of course we must be more professional. No one can be complacent.

Hopefully, 1979 could provide a springboard to greater understanding between players and refs.

Players and refs must work together to solve the problem.

AMBITIONS FOR 1979

'LEARN A LESSON FROM ARGENTINIANS'

MIKE VARNEY
(Tottenham physiotherapist)

TOTTENHAM's promotion to the First Division in 1977-78 was the red letter moment for me. It sent a thrill right through the club, felt even in our physiotherapy department. We would have faced severe economic cut backs if we had remained in the Second Division.

Promotion meant we could spend £5,000 on new machinery. Most valuable acquisition was a portable X-ray machine. We take it to the injured player, rather than him struggling to get to us.

Another golden moment was the arrival of Argentinian stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa. They have greater suppleness than English players — but the physical slog of First Division football has come hard to them. We work much harder in 90 minutes here.

But we could learn a lesson from them in preparation. Ardiles tells me Argentina's World Cup squad were training in a special camp four months before the tournament opened. He was allowed home to his family only on Sundays.

Tottenham's heart is set on winning a place in Europe in 1979.

But from my point of view, I want someone to prove all these stories of drug taking are highly exaggerated. We use drugs to treat ailments at Spurs and for nothing else. I am sure all other League clubs apply the same principles.



'CRACKDOWN ON LOUTS'

PETER SWALES
(Chairman Manchester City)

THE most important development in 1978 was the introduction of lotteries at football clubs under the Gaming Act. It's a life-saver for football. We, at Manchester City, have been making £4,000 a week.

But the spiralling fees in the transfer market concern me. I watched one of our games in which we had £550,000 worth of talent not playing. They had not been selected. That's worrying.

I am also disturbed by increasing cases of hooliganism involving City fans. I detected it first in 1977, but the problem grew worse in 1978, especially on our European trips to Holland, Belgium and Italy.

I cannot promise we will be the first British club to buy a player for £1 million in 1979, but somebody might. We'd certainly go for a player like Argentinian Mario Kempes if we thought he was worth that money.

I'd like a crackdown on hooligans in 1979. We can control them in European games away by not issuing them with tickets. But that's not enough. It's the problem at home that is worrying me most.

The man who comes up with the answer deserves a knighthood. It's that important.

'MORE FANS AT FIRHILL'

BOBBY HOUSTON
(Partick Thistle)

LAST year was a mixed one for me. I managed to get back on the international scene again with an appearance for the Scottish League team, but there was disappointment when, for one reason or another, a proposed £70,000 transfer deal between Leeds United and Partick Thistle fell through.

I have never hidden the fact I would like to sample English soccer and I was overjoyed when I heard the news that Jock Stein, during his brief stay at Elland Road, wanted to take me South.

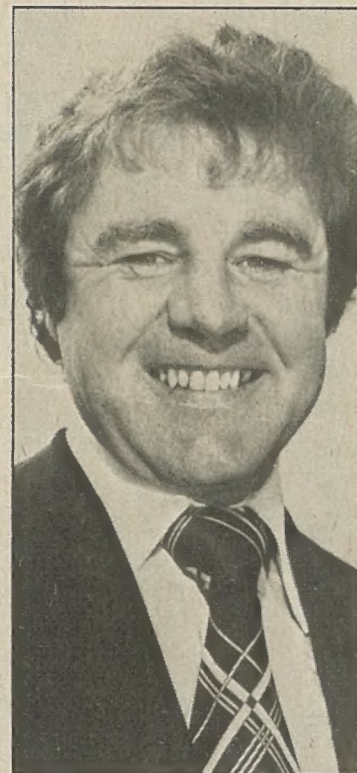
However, it wasn't to be and I know I will not allow any disappointments to affect my current form.

Ironically, it was Jock Stein who selected me for the Scottish League side when we played our Irish counterparts at Fir Park. I hope I did enough that night to persuade him into calling me into more of his international squads.

I am looking forward to 1979 and I know it can be a good one for everyone at Firhill. I said at the start of the season in SHOOT it would be a term in which we could really show the fans our all-round ability.

In previous seasons we have been more or less consolidating our position in the Premier, and now we are having a go at winning it.

Another thing I would like to see in the New Year is larger crowds at Firhill. The crowds have been increasing slowly but it would certainly give everyone a boost at Partick if we could play to a capacity crowd every week.



'THREE AIMS FOR THE NEW YEAR'

BENNY ROONEY
(Morton player-manager)

MORTON must have three aims for the New Year. We have been getting praise recently for our efforts and I think we can go on and take it from there.

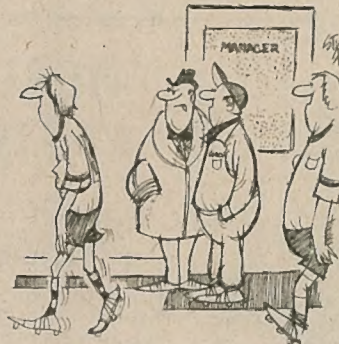
First, I would like the team to realise we are among the best in the Premier Division because we deserve to be there. We have absolutely no reason to be afraid of anyone.

Second, I would like to see a little more consistency in our play. The boys had a good run up until they lost 3-0 to Rangers at Ibrox and this was followed by a 2-1 defeat at Partick Thistle. We must prove that we can get over these set-backs because in a Division as tight as this several defeats can spell disaster.

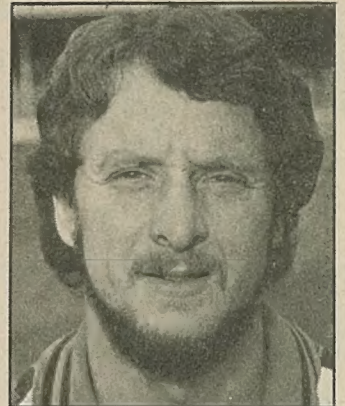
Third, it is my hope that I will be able to keep my star performers at Cappielow. There has been a lot of talk of clubs watching the likes of Andy Ritchie, and Neil Orr among others, but it is my wish these players remain at Morton and help us build for a really good future.

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yes I —"



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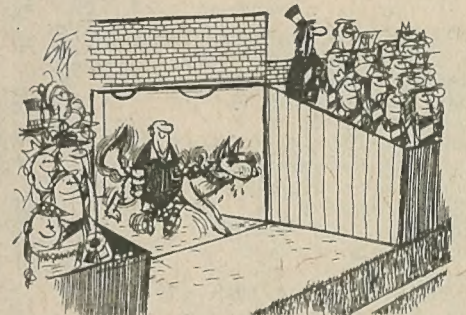
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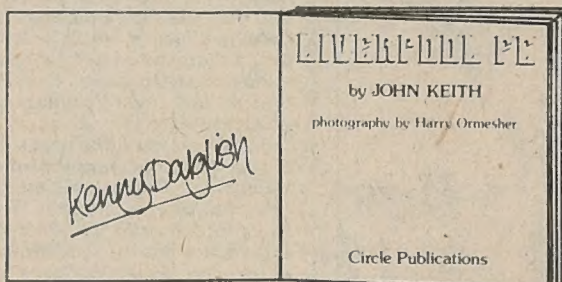
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This week's Star Letter comes from R. Perkins of Taunton in Somerset, who wins our Special prize of £3. He writes:

GOOD STARTERS, BUT ...

WE British are good starters but never seem to last the course. We once had a flourishing motor cycle industry and were tops in all branches of its sports. Now it is all off the map.

The motor and shipbuilding industry are quickly going the same way. We started lawn tennis, golf, and many other sports. In none are we at the top now.

Now with soccer, the Americans are getting interested, and things could go the same way. We British, with our usual complacency, won't see the writing on the wall until it's too late.

At present, players, management and the rulers of the game in this country, pooh-pooh any danger from the Americans. But rest assured, that they will lure our best players and coaches out in ever increasing numbers while they can be of any use to them.

Then it will not be long before they are producing players and teams as good as ours. Eventually very much better.

We have seen the rise of coloured players in this country recently. America, with their huge coloured population, will soon produce even better ones than we have. Most of their Olympic stars are black, remember.

Already we have seen how much better they organise their games. How they cater for the whole family, providing attractions for those

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who are not interested in the soccer side. By providing seats for all, they are halfway to solving any danger of crowd problems. Hooliganism is unknown, and with so many family spectators the clubs and powers that be, would never stand for such things that are tolerated over here.

Any indication of it would be quickly and ruthlessly stamped out at once I am sure. Thousands of erstwhile spectators in this country have deserted watching the game because of hooliganism. I know because I and many of my friends are amongst them.

And the clubs and rulers only nibble at the problem, turning a blind-eye and hoping it will go away. There are many possible actions that could at least be tried, none have been, as yet.

The Americans, of course, have a big advantage over us, because their grounds are growing and being designed at a much later period. They can build to a standard unthought of in Victorian times, which was when most of our grounds came into being. Our clubs must have courage and at least provide seats for all, having many more entrances and exits, so that frustrating delays do not put the edge on tempers before spec-

tators even get on to the terraces.

Crowds should disperse really quickly. We also want pitches that are neither quagmires, nor concrete, in mid-winter. Spend some of the £500,000 now being spent on dubious players on making the grounds more like some of those abroad.

All these would help to keep the game ahead of the Americans, and protect their spectators from believing they have landed in a slum clearance area when they come over here.

● A big problem is our clubs don't get tax relief on ground improvements, while they can claim for a £500,000 star. I don't think things are quite as black as you paint them, but what do other readers think?

● Photo shows The Pontiac Silverdome home of the Detroit Express, where Trevor Francis played last summer.

Pen-Pals

I'm willing to exchange photos, pennants and information with fans of English teams.

ANDREA FRUMENTO,
VIA OLDONI, 16,
19100 LA SPEZIA,
ITALY.

I'm a 14-year-old Dutch boy and I support Ajax. I'd like a pen-pal in England who supports England.

MICHEL MATERS,
LAVENDE STRAAT 8,
6641 BX BEUNINGEN (Gld),
HOLLAND.

I'm a 14-year-old Dutch boy very fond of English football. I would like to correspond with Manchester City fans.

BART ROELOFS,
HOFSTEDEWEG 87,
7535 CT ENSCHEDE,
NETHERLANDS.

Shock?

AS a devoted Arsenal fan, I was disgusted to hear a radio commentator refer to our 1-0 win over Liverpool as a "shock result". Arsenal have a good record against Liverpool at Highbury and we hadn't lost at home this season either.

S. START,
NEWQUAY.

● The commentator wasn't taking anything from Arsenal, but when you think about Liverpool, any sort of defeat comes as a shock!

Be grateful

I'M sick of people talking about the poor standard of refereeing in the English League. They can thank their lucky stars they don't have to see the refereeing in the League of Ireland. I haven't seen one ref here I'd give a rating of more than five marks out of ten.

LIAM CUNNINGHAM,
GALWAY.

● I think the people concerned will take your word for it!

Belt-up Bond

I WAS amazed to read the criticism by Norwich City manager John Bond of Everton after The Canaries had lost 1-0. Bond claimed Everton were boring. Everton's home gate is double that of Norwich, so it is obvious these statements are ridiculous.

When Norwich are near the top of Division One I'll be prepared to listen, but until then I advise John Bond to stop the mud-slinging.

MARK ROBERTSON,
STOCKPORT.

● Bond meant that despite all the money Gordon Lee had spent, his side could be more entertaining. Personally, I find Bond's Norwich one of the most attractive sides in the League. Not bad for a club with a much smaller budget.

No.1 'Keeper

HOW long can Jock Stein go on ignoring Scotland's Number One goalkeeper, David Harvey of Leeds United?

IAN DAWSON,
SCUNTHORPE.



● From what I've seen, Harvey (above) is in top form — although Jock Stein and Leeds United players may create a few problems...

Trump card

BRIAN Clough was heavily criticised for selling Peter Witte to Newcastle. But once again Forest's manager has played a trump card by finding a winning replacement in Garry Birtles.

Birtles' goal in Forest's 3-1 League Cup win against Brighton was not spectacular, but his opportunism reminded me of West Germany's former striker Gerd Muller.

TAN POTTER,
MANCHESTER.

● Clough has pulled another ace out of the pack!



Ignored

WHEN will people give Northern Ireland the credit they deserve? Our 2-0 victory in Bulgaria was not shown by the B.B.C. nor I.T.V. because the cost of beaming pictures would have been £6,500.

Radio and newspapers also think of us as unimportant, very often we have very little on match reports. The Radio Two sports desk didn't even mention the team on the day it was announced.

In fairness, I must praise SHOOT for the way you always preview our games, although I've been

waiting a long time for a team group.

Danny Blanchflower has made our team into a great attacking force which will surely give England a few frights at Wembley next month.

STEPHEN FAULKNER,
ARMAGH.

● If Northern Ireland continue their present run, surely everyone will have to sit up and take notice. We have tried in the past to obtain an Irish team group, but as we have pointed out before, the Home countries are the only teams in the world who don't pose for pictures.

FOR my letters column this week, I lead with a very interesting question from Mark Rawlings of Leatherhead, Surrey.

"One of the most encouraging aspects of the World Cup Finals in Argentina was the long-range shooting, which brought some spectacular goals. Many TV commentators predicted it would set a fashion this season in our League. In your experience, has it happened?"

Yes, Mark. It's noticeable more people are trying shots from outside the box at me than in previous seasons, although as yet I haven't been tested by any that rival the two I recall from Holland's Arie Haan and the one from his team-mate Johnny Rep that quelled Scotland's recovery in their final group game.

Players have realised that a long-shot can be difficult for a 'keeper to judge. Over 25 yards the ball dips and swerves as it loses momentum.

Apart from natural movement through the air at decreasing speed, there's always the chance a ball driven into a crowded penalty-area will take a deflection from a player there, attacker or defender. Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest was beaten in this manner by Arsenal's Liam Brady.

Previously only the big-kickers, such as Peter Lorimer, Jimmy Case and Keith Weller tended to try for goals from a distance, but now many midfielders, and even defenders, are ready and willing to have a crack.

Among them my Liverpool team-mates Ray Kennedy, Graeme Souness, Alan Kennedy and Phil Neal.

Jane Livesley of South Ruislip, Middlesex, is worried in case I join the soccer "brain drain" to another country, such as the United States, something I talked about in a previous column. "I hope sincerely you do not go to America. You are too valuable to England. Even when you retire, which I trust will be a long time hence, you could be an immense help to aspiring 'keepers at home.'"

My contract with Liverpool doesn't end until two years' time, Jane, and if I hold my form there's a

'More players are trying long-shots'

'I COULD JOIN

strong likelihood I'll be signing on for another spell at Anfield.

But in this game, with its uncertainties and insecurity, it's important to look ahead and think of ways to continue earning top money for as long as possible. A player owes it to his family.

And if my services are no longer required at Liverpool, and an attractive offer arrives from an American club, then I'll seriously consider moving over there.

The life-style in the States appeals to me, and it would be marvellous to play a part in developing soccer into the big-time sport it's inevitably going to become in the future.

English youngsters have plenty of examples to follow, apart from me.

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



'For Smithy and Cally — a chance to transform Swansea'



Souness (right) gives Joe Corrigan no chance during Liverpool's 4-1 away victory v. Man. City.

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Charlton bounce back

Is it true Charlton were once 1-5 down in a game — and came back to win 7-6?

TERRY FABER, ERITH

● Certainly is, Terry — in a home Second Division match against Huddersfield on 21st December, 1957.

And the irony was — with subs still eight years off — Charlton had to play with only ten men for an hour-and-a-quarter after skipper and centre-half Derek Ufton had been carried off with a dislocated shoulder.

Huddersfield were 2-0 up at half-time, and in the opening minutes of the second-half — in which four goals came in seven minutes — made it an apparently unbeatable lead of 5-1.

Then it all happened! In the space of a minute Johnny Summers scored one, and laid on another for John Ryan to cut Huddersfield's lead to 5-3.

With only 16 minutes left, Summers made it 5-4. Six minutes later, he'd scored a couple more — incredibly to put Charlton 6-5 up.

Less than two minutes to go, and the visitors popped in their own sixth to level the score — but Summers hadn't finished yet.

With the referee's whistle poised to blow for time, he tore away again, realised he couldn't make it solo, so passed long upfield to Ryan — who banged the ball home, with the last kick of an incredible game, to give Charlton a 7-6 victory.

Five-goal Johnny Summers — a natural left-footer who scored all his goals with his right foot, and wearing unbroken new boots at that — was the hero of the hour.

But, sadly, his days were numbered.

Just over four years later, he died of the scourge of cancer.

Third's best

What's the biggest margin of victory in the Third Division?

PAUL PERRIS, SHIPLEY

● It's 9-0, Paul — a record shared by two clubs.

Tranmere beat Accrington by that score on 18th April, 1959 — and then Brentford beat Wrexham by the same score on 15th October, 1963.

In the old Third Division (North), incidentally, the record is 13-0 — Stockport v. Halifax on 6th January, 1934. And, in the old Third Division (South), it's 12-0 — Luton v. Bristol Rovers on 13th April, 1936.

A STATES CLUB...

But only when my Liverpool days are ended'

The large-scale importing of foreign talent, mainly from Britain, will drop considerably as soon as home-grown talent becomes available.

I predict that in five to ten years' time, Americans will allow only a handful of foreigners to play for a club, as happens in European countries.

So any threat to our football, Jane, is going to be very short lived.

Reader J. Carey, of Whiston, Merseyside, remembered a comment I'd made in a column and promptly put pen to paper after we beat Birmingham City 3-0 in a League match at St. Andrews. He writes: "You said it was not a goalkeeper's job to captain a side, yet a few weeks later you were chosen as skipper because Emyln Hughes was injured and unable to play. Now you've had the experience, I wonder if you have changed your opinion?"

Wrong Call

Not at all, Mr. Carey. That was strictly a one-match only performance, and I was probably given the honour in recognition of my long service with the club.

All I had to do was call heads or tails when the ref flipped the coin — and then I got it wrong!

I still maintain you can't captain a side from the goalkeeping position, simply because your influence does not extend beyond 30 yards out of the goal.

It's definitely a job for an outfielder.

John Grizzell of Luton wants to know when I first saw Liverpool play and about my first appearances in the first team.

When I was a lad of 14 my Dad took me to the City Ground one Saturday in the early Sixties and I watched the Anfield Reds beat Nottingham Forest by 2-1. Peter Grummitt was in their goal that day.

Before I became a regular I played against Swansea in the League Cup and we won 2-1.

Because our then-boss Bill Shankly felt the opposition was comparatively weak, I was chosen for the two legs against Irish side Dundalk in the 1969-70 Fairs Cup competition. We won 14-0 on aggregate.

I also played against Forest at Anfield in a League game, which I believe we won 1-0.

My big chance came after a disastrous F.A. Cup tie at Watford. Liverpool crashed 2-0, and Shanks decided to make changes right through the middle of the team. I came in for Tommy Lawrence for a League game against Derby County at the Baseball Ground, which we lost 2-0. Terry Hennessey scored their first with a near-post header and I think Kevin Hector got the second.

However, I was judged to have done well enough to hold on to the number one spot.

Many readers want to know if I am superstitious. Well, I suppose if pre-match rituals come under that heading I am, though I don't have conventional superstitions like lucky numbers, charms or suits.

Before every home game I go through the same routine. On Friday afternoon, after training, I deliver my match tickets in the same order. When I get home my wife Vee has the same late lunch of steak and toast waiting for me. Then I pack my bag and drive off to join the rest of the team to spend the night at a hotel near Warrington.

After tea and toast and a chat with the lads, I go to my room and watch TV from my bed until lights-out at around eleven o'clock.

I'm woken at half-nine, and enjoy breakfast in bed. Then I dress and read the newspapers until it's time to go down to early lunch.

In the dressing-room, I change at the same time, putting my kit on in

the usual sequence.

Out on the pitch I go through a routine I started with Kevin Keegan and continue with Kenny Dalglish. He warms me up by lobbing the ball at me from around the penalty-spot.

Kenny has added a superstition of his own. When the ref blows for the practice balls to be removed, he always kicks the ball into the net.

Liam Roche from Tralee, in the Republic of Ireland, wonders whether Liverpool have been premature in allowing both Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan to join John Toshack, another former Red, at Swansea, where John is player-manager.

We now have such a strong squad that it would have been unfair to have held on to Smithy and Cally. All they would have looked forward to was playing in the Cen-

tral League side in front of crowds of between 400 to 1,200, a far cry from playing in glamorous games at home and abroad.

At Swansea they face an invigorating new challenge, a chance to transform the Welsh club into a real force in football.

Well, time to sign off and pack my bags for another big match... at Southampton this Saturday (December 30th).

On New Year's Day Liverpool entertain Aston Villa at Anfield. Should be another tremendous tussle.

Happy 1979 — keep in touch.

Ray Clemence



Ted Drake

How many games did the famous Ted Drake play for Arsenal, and how many goals did he score?

ADAM COCHI, ASHFORD

● After scoring 48 goals in 72 League games for Southampton, Adam Drake joined Arsenal in March, 1934 — and his seven goals in their last ten matches helped The Gunners to the League title.

Although, when available from RAF duties, he continued to play for Arsenal in Wartime football, effectively his top-class career ended with the outbreak of World War Two in September, 1939.

By that time, he'd played 168 First Division games, scoring 123 goals.

His best season was scoring 42 goals in 41 First Division games in 1934-35 — and that's still an Arsenal seasonal record.

The following season, he scored all Arsenal's seven goals in their 7-1 win on Aston Villa's ground — still the best-ever individual effort for a First Division game, and also for any player in any away Football League match.

There were plenty of top centre-forwards around in his time, so Drake only managed five full internationals — scoring six goals in them.

Denmark hit 17

My Grand-Dad says Denmark once scored 17 goals in a match! If so, who was it against?

DAVE WADDISON, ALDRIDGE

● It was a 17-1 victory over France in the 1908 Olympic Games in London. Dave — the year in which Denmark were beaten 2-0 by Great Britain in the Final.

SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool were last in the Second Division in 1961-62; Leeds in 1963-64.

(TONY DALLAS, Australia)

● David Johnson scored 11 goals in 50 League games for Everton, and 35 in 137 for Ipswich, before joining Liverpool in August, 1976.

(JOHN KILRAINE, Eire)

● Colchester's record victory is 9-1 v. Bradford City; Division Four; 30th December, 1961.

(HUGH ELRLINGTON, Marlborough)

● Gordon Banks played 23 League games for Chesterfield; 293 for Leicester; and 194 for Stoke. He gained 73 full caps for England.

(DAVID HOLTON, Congleton)

● Tottenham's biggest victory is 13-2 v. Crewe Alexandra (F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay; 3rd February, 1960).

(JOHN HARRIS, Weybridge)

● Everton were founded in 1878; neighbours Liverpool in 1892.

(ANDREW TODD, Hanwell)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time

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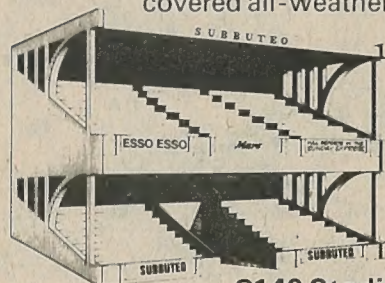
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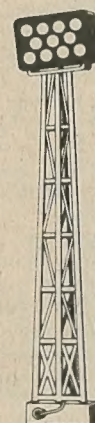


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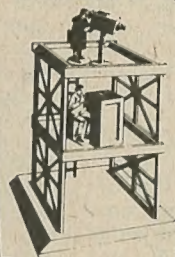


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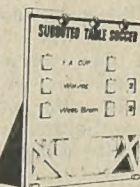


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YOU ARE THE REF

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1 A player is shielding the ball with his body when he is pushed from behind. What should you award (a) a direct free-kick for pushing, (b) an indirect free-kick, or (c) take no action?



2 A substitute swears at you when he is standing off the pitch. Should you (a) caution him, (b) take no action, or (c) dismiss him as a substitute?



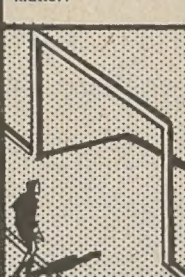
3 To avoid interfering with play an attacker runs into the goal just before a team-mate scores. Should you (a) allow the goal, (b) award a free-kick to the defending side, or (c) drop the ball where it was last played?



4 A goalkeeper wears gloves which have rough edges to help him in punching the ball, but you fail to notice this until 20 minutes into the match. What should you do?



5 In a junior match you notice the goal-line has not been marked. Does this matter?

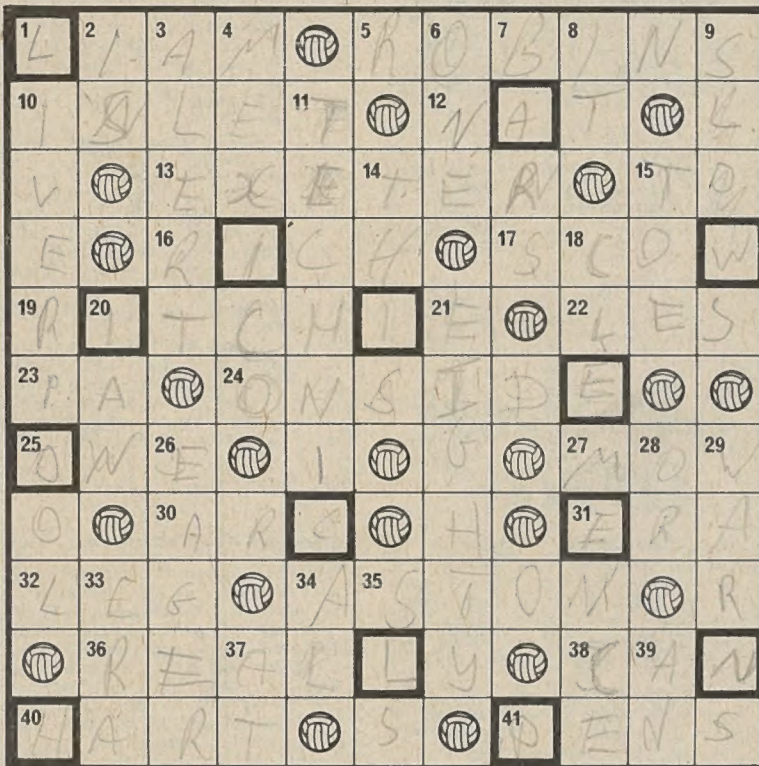


ANSWERS

1. Direct free-kick (a). We are finding more players shielding the ball, definitely be marked. 2. Dismiss him (c). Referees have to watch very carefully in European Cup matches where there are five substitutes sitting on the bench, this is where good linesmen are invaluable. 3. Award a free-kick (b). 4. Instruct the goalkeeper to remove them. 5. Yes. This should

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester City defender. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) — Brady, Arsenal player.
- (5) Bristol City are nicknamed The —
- (10) -e-c---er City (The Filberts). Small land area from the omissions.
- (12) — Lofthouse, "Footballer of the Year", 1952/3.
- (13) — City, from St. James' Park.
- (15) -r-yes; French League club.
- (16) Wealthy and from No-w--- City!
- (17) Alan Ain---- from Birmingham City.
- (19) Tom —, Bristol City striker.
- (22) — Strong of Fulham.
- (23) Graham --ddon of Norwich City.
- (24) In a scoring position, for instance.
- (25) How many Scottish League clubs start with the letter "K"?
- (27) Cut grass — as on the pitch.
- (30) ---hie Gemmill from Nottingham Forest.
- (31) David H--v-y (Leeds). The omissions reversed.
- (32) One match of a two-match aggregate competition.
- (34) — Villa, Birmingham team from Villa Park.
- (36) Positively — and in fact.
- (38) The ---aries, nickname of Norwich City.
- (40) White — Lane, Tottenham's home ground.
- (41) — Park, ground of Dundee.

DOWN:—

- (1) They hold the record for the most League Championship wins.
- (2) -pswich Tow--.
- (3) Vigilant and watchful.
- (4) Venue of the 1970 World Cup Finals.
- (6) Number of goals scored in the 1977/78 European Cup Final.
- (7) Excludes from playing — perhaps for an offence.
- (8) Gordon Sm--h of Aston Villa.
- (9) Travels at lessening speed.
- (11) Of, or particular to, an art of science — including soccer!
- (14) Pronoun found in Partick Thistle.
- (15) Part of the foot.
- (18) Surname of 'keeper for One Down.
- (20) — Britton of Chelsea.
- (21) Subtract twelve from the total number of clubs in the English Football League and you have this number.
- (26) Full of keen desire.
- (28) Garth C--oks (Stoke) missing letters reversed.
- (29) Cautions — about bad conduct, perhaps.
- (33) Another period as in 31 Across!
- (35) Barn--e-, managed by Allan Clarke.
- (37) W--ford from Vicarage Road.
- (39) --gers; another French League club.

NEWS

Compiled by
Peter Stewart



DESK

DO you remember us praising the series "Skilful Soccer with Jack Charlton" last January? Well, the Americans share our feelings after having seen it and have awarded Jack one of the top honours in the 21st International Film and Television Festival of New York.

We still maintain it should be repeated at a time — say mid-day on a Saturday — when it can "educate" the greatest number of followers of the game. How about it ITV?

NON-LEAGUE CAPTURE

WILL other Football League clubs follow the example of Newcastle United. Manager Bill McGarry, tired of being quoted "ridiculous" prices for forwards, snapped up Blyth Cup hero Alan Shoulder for a mere £10,000 with the promise of more cash after a certain number of appearances.

Shoulder believes there are other Northern League players capable of making the grade in the big time — if League clubs are prepared to gamble.

Malcolm Poskett is doing quite nicely at Brighton. Yet the striker could still be a part-timer with Whitby if Hartlepool manager Billy Horner had not plucked him out of the obscurity of the Northern League.

COVENTRY City recently put their electronic scoreboard to good use in an attempt to stop swearing at home games.

Manager Gordon Milne's message would make a good New Year's resolution for fans everywhere.



LAURIE CUNNINGHAM- 'The New George Best'

RON ATKINSON, manager of honours-chasing West Bromwich Albion, rates Laurie Cunningham as "the new George Best."

Cunningham, who cost Albion a bargain-basement £110,000 when signed by former player-manager Johnny Giles from Orient in March last year, also earned this accolade from Atkinson:

"He must be the most exciting player in British football today."

Yes, things are certainly going well for black ace Cunningham. Signed by Orient in July, 1974, he quickly captured the attention of many top clubs and yet when he did move many critics of the game thought Orient had let him go on the cheap.

Goalscoring winger Cunningham might well have left Albion last season when he was out of the side on occasions and made substitute on others.

But this season has really seen him blossom out. An extremely skilful player, he leaves nothing to chance with his fitness.

Although not very big or robust, he can take a knock with the best of them and appears to play all the better when he takes a bit of a bang from a defender.

Laurie proved his courage in Albion's home U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Valencia when he was on the receiving end of some very hefty tackles from full-back Carrette.



BEES' HISTORY

BRENTFORD celebrate their 90th anniversary this season. To commemorate the occasion, Graham Haynes and Geoff Buckingham have written *The Brentford Story*. Included in the interesting history of The Bees is a foreword by one of their former players... present England boss Ron Greenwood.

Copies are available from Graham Haynes, 37A The Broadway, Ealing, London, W5 2NP. Price is 80p which includes postage and packing.

All profits for the sale of the book are being donated to the Brentford Supporters Association and the club to assist with their fund raising.

STAR GAZER



GARY Bailey (above), Manchester United's promising 20-year-old goalkeeper who has shown his paces in the First Division this season, will be hoping to back as many first team appearances "between the sticks" as his father did.

Father Roy made 369 senior appearances with Ipswich in almost nine years and won Third (South), Second and First Division Championship medals with them.

The Bailey family spent 12 years in South Africa. Roy went there to play and manage.

But it was back to dear old England last December and that was when Gary signed professional for United.

Young Gary, who played for a South African representative team, can reach for the stars in more than one sense.

Keen to establish himself in the star-studded United team, he is also keen on astronomy.

SUPER STAND FOR SUPER FOREST

NOTTINGHAM Forest fans will certainly be able to watch their side in comfort next season. The League Champions are planning to build a superb 8,000-seater stand at a staggering cost of £1,500,000!

The new cantilever stand will replace the existing East Stand and Forest hope the work will be completed during the close season in time for the big kick-off in 1979-80.

It's yet another forward step by Forest who aim to establish themselves as one of the leading clubs in Europe. They spent thousands of pounds before the beginning of this season on bringing the City Ground up to standard, building a new 'Jubilee Club' and installing an impressive electronic scoreboard.

Chairman Stuart Dryden stressed: "Our policy at the club is quite simple. We want our off the field progress to keep pace with the side's tremendous performances."

The new stand will cut Forest's capacity from just over 42,000 to between 35,000 and 36,000.

If you named one of the big-city clubs as the one which has paid most six-figure fees for players you would be wrong. The fact is Derby County, who have paid £100,000 or more SIXTEEN times, lead the lot, with Everton (15) taking second spot.



LAURIE Madden (right, scoring v. Sunderland), the 23-year-old Charlton midfielder, might well have been an Arsenal player.

He was a schoolboy player at High-bury and went on tour to Iran with the Arsenal youth team.

Madden, who took a degree in economics at Manchester University, was travelling down to London to play for Arsenal reserves in his early student years. He found the travelling irksome and asked Arsenal to find him a club nearer Manchester.

He then played as an amateur with Mansfield Town, but joined Charlton as a professional on the completion of his degree.

London-born Madden won Under-15 and Under-19 schoolboy honours for Hertfordshire and played for the Great Britain Catholic Schools Under-18's as a youth.



PAUL Madeley's goal for Leeds against Southampton recently was his first since Boxing Day, 1975.

Early reports suggested Paul (below) had actually got two goals — and that really got the statisticians excited.

The reason was that the only time Paul ever scored twice in a match was against — Southampton ten years ago!

Sadly, the report was incorrect and the final Leeds score in a 4-0 win went down as Ivan Golac own-goal.



SUNDERLAND'S LONDON FANS

AT the moment the London branch of the Sunderland Supporters' Club has around 450 members. They are now aiming to boost that figure to 500 by the end of the season.

The club organises travel to all Sunder-

land's matches, at home and away, holds monthly social evenings and publishes a regular newsletter.

Anyone interested in joining can get further details by sending a stamped addressed envelope to E. Perkins, 36A

Cannon Hill, Southgate, London N.14.

President of the Club is former Sunderland and Eire centre-half Charlie Hurley, whose name is still special to many Roker Park fans.

In a class of his own

LAWRIE Sanchez puts his school books to one side every Saturday and joins his Reading team-mates in their bid for promotion from the Fourth Division.

At the age of 19 he is a professional footballer who still goes to school and puts winning a University place before Fourth Division football.

He already has 'A' levels in French, economics and mathematics. Now Lawrie is studying for a higher grade in maths to clinch his University place.

"Whatever happens, I intend going to University," he told **SHOOT**. "Whether I continue playing football as well is another matter."

We certainly wish Lawrie the best of luck, whichever course he decides to take.

Below we see Lawrie, at the back third from left, studying towards that University place.

Left he shows the style that has made him a hot prospect with Reading.

THIS season has been a really informative one for Ipswich's 19-year-old centre-half Russell Osman.

"I was forced to throw him in at the deep end and when Allan Hunter was sidelined," said manager Bobby Robson. "I cannot deny we have missed Hunter, but Osman has been learning all the time and is going to be a very, very good defender."

Osman has a big reason to do well — his dad, Rex, is a former Derby County forward.

Transfer clears debts

JOHN Barton cost Everton £27,000 when they signed him from Southern League Worcester City.

This fee cleared all of Worcester's debts and opened the way for them to make their first application in five years for Football League membership.

Barton was delighted with the move to Goodison Park. He said: "I couldn't have picked a better club and now I am looking forward to the benefits that can be derived from regular training."

The 25-year-old defender added: "I don't think many people realise the kind of pressure the top non-League players have to operate under."

"Often for mid-week away games it was a case of getting back home in the early hours of the morning and going off to work three or four hours later."

SCOTTISH 'FIRSTS'

IT was a day of football "firsts" when Hibs drew 2-2 with Celtic in the Premier Division at Easter Road recently. It was the first time Hibs' Norwegian pair Isak Refvik and Sven Mathisen had played a League match in Scotland while Davie Provan, £125,000 from Kilmarnock and Murdo MacLeod, £100,000 from Dumbarton, scored their first goals for Celtic. Not to be outdone Ralph Callaghan, Hibs' £50,000 buy from Newcastle, scored his first League goal for the Edinburgh team.

FOOTBALL League clubs should appoint "refereeing Consultants" to ease their current problems.

That suggestion comes from former referee Bill Waddle (Stockton), a member of Durham County Referees' Association.

Waddle says the clubs might moan, but the cost would be worthwhile with so much at stake. "I get fed up of so much negative thinking and constant grumbling," he says.

His idea is positive at a time when the rift between referees and players is increasing.



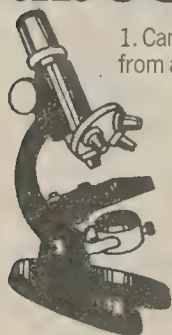
DERBY County ace Billy Caskey's (above) second-half goal in Northern Ireland's 2-0 November 29 European Championship win over Bulgaria made him the first Ulsterman to score an international debut goal in four years and the 17th in post-War soccer.

The last was Chris Nicholl's header in a 2-0 Stockholm Euro triumph v. Sweden, in October, 1974, and amongst those other net-finding Northern Ireland debutants were two-goal first-timers Norman Lockhart (v. England, 1946); Sammy Smyth (v. Scotland, 1947); Peter McParland (v. Wales, 1954), and Trevor Anderson (v. Cyprus), in 1973.

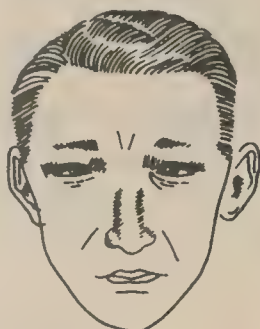


No. 11

What do you know about the Police?



1. Can a bloodstain be identified as coming from a particular person?



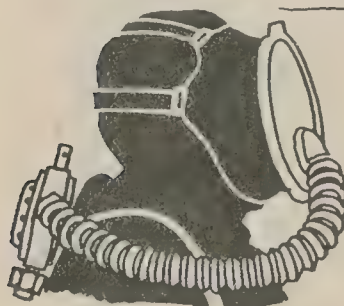
2. What is the minimum number of persons required on an identification parade?



3. The Bow Street Runners were the forerunners of the modern Police. When were they formed?



4. Do Policemen who stand outside No. 10 Downing Street come from a specialised branch of the Police Force?



5. Would you ever see a Policeman dressed like this?

This is the eleventh in a series depicting the background, present-day work and development of Britain's Police Force.

For further information about the Police write to:-

Police Quiz, (J5), Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

- ANSWERS**
1. No. Unlike finger-prints, blood has no unique characteristics.
 2. Eight
 3. In 1750.
 4. No. It's a normal part of Police work.
 5. Yes, a number of Police forces have underwater search units.

ONE of the most controversial topics of 1978 was the standard of refereeing, and while I have every sympathy for the man in the middle, the overall standard did seem to drop last year.

Speaking personally, the most frustrating aspect has been the inconsistency of officials. Some will allow certain things, others not. Even with the tightening up of the offside ruling, there is still no knowing what a referee will do if a player is standing in an offside position, whatever the Laws may state.

It isn't easy to be a referee. I've taken charge of a few games, charity and junior matches, and I know it isn't simple. Because I'm a player, I tended not to blow up too much, trying to let the game flow. If I was dubious about a tackle or a challenge, I'd give the defender the benefit of the doubt and wave play on.

I realise football is more competitive these days, yet refs must learn the difference between a good tackle and a nasty foul. Too often they are quick to punish dissent, yet will allow an unfair challenge to go unchecked.

Maybe this is because dissent is directed at them and is, therefore, easier to spot. Refs take dissent to heart and obviously don't like having their authority undermined, but at the same time, if an official understands the game, he'll realise how difficult it is for a player to remain cool, calm, and collected in the heat of the moment.

I particularly liked Jack Taylor and Gordon Hill, both sadly retired, because they were on the same wavelength as the players. You could talk to them man-to-man and they gave as good as they got. Jack and Gordon were respected by professionals throughout the League.

Now, I find there are fewer refs who have such a feeling for the game, although one I've been impressed with is Tony Glasston.

Refs used to come into the dressing-room before games to check studs and have a chat. Linesmen do the job now, and at least when the referee did it, the ice could be broken with a few words. I can remember a few times when players have put polish on their boots and

ref's hands have been covered with black polish after inspecting their studs.

I sympathise with referees a lot of the time because they can't see everything. I don't know any refs, nor have I ever really had the opportunity to sit down and chat with one.

At a recent function I was asked by a young ref, who does Sunday games in the Southend area, how he could become a better official.

I replied the only way I could advise him to improve was to communicate more with players, although at that level things may be different from the Football League.

I'd like to see referees using their yellow and red cards early to stamp out any threat of an ill-tempered game. If trouble is nipped in the bud, the match can be saved. Prevention is better than cure. Too

RAY WILKINS
Writes for you

many times we've seen matches boil up and then referees act... but too late.

Apparently next season, if I.T.V. have exclusive soccer coverage of League games, action-replays of controversial refereeing incidents are to be stopped.

I haven't thought much about the football scoop, but as a fan I can't say I'm too happy. I like to watch soccer on 'the box', especially on Sunday afternoons, but that will be stopped if ITV pledge to screen matches on Saturday nights.

Those who say the amount of football on television is responsible for a drop in attendances are wrong. The main reason is the increase in hooliganism at our

"Hamburger SV, with Kevin Keegan, versus Borussia Monchengladbach would be a good T.V. proposition."



grounds. I wouldn't let any of my family go to a game unless they could sit in the stand. It simply isn't worth the risk of trouble to send a youngster to stand on the terraces.

Mind you, have you noticed how much rugby there is on T.V.? I can't get away from it! When our game at Nottingham Forest was called off, I watched the Saturday afternoon sports shows and there was rugby there, again on Sunday afternoon and yet again in mid-week. No one seems to complain about that!

I don't know what the implications of the television deal will be. It's a marvellous bit of business for t.v., although the B.B.C. have a great tradition in soccer — and haven't given up yet.

I wonder if they may try to hit back by showing live Continental football on Saturday or Sunday afternoons?

Kevin Keegan in action for Ham-



"I've been very impressed by Tony Glasson this season."

'REFS MUST UNDERSTAND PLAYERS'

burger SV would be a big attraction, and so would games like Barcelona/Real Madrid or Anderlecht/Bruges.

This Saturday (December 30th) we are away to Ipswich Town while on New Year's Day we entertain Arsenal at Stamford Bridge.

In our present condition, I'd like nothing better than to end 1978 on a high note — and start 1979 with a win.

Ipswich have had an inconsistent season. They haven't managed to build on their success of winning the F.A. Cup last season, even though they have many fine players. They've been hit by injuries to Kevin Beattie and Allan Hunter, but they have too many good players to ever be an easy touch.

Arsenal have, in Liam Brady, one of Europe's top midfielders. I also rate centre-half David O'Leary very highly. We exchanged shirts after the Republic of Ireland/England European Championship tie in Dublin.

Happy New Year to all SHOOT readers, especially Chelsea and England fans!

Raymond



DON'T MISS THIS ALL-STAR LINE-UP IN SHOOT NEXT WEEK...

COLOUR: First part of our F.A. Cup Wallchart, Aberdeen team group, Don Gillies (Bristol City), Steve Powell (Derby), Brian Kidd (Man. City) and Focus on Bob Hatton (Luton).

FEATURES... F.A. Cup Third Round — facts, figures and previews. Club Spotlight on Aberdeen. Hat-trick Heroes David Cross (below), Frank Stapleton, Paul Randall and Wayne Entwistle talk about their goalscoring feats of the season. The Pompey Chimes Are Ringing Again. We look at the resurgence of Portsmouth. SHOOT also talks to Bradford City's new boss George Mulhall — and visits Dundee and St. Mirren.



PLUS... Mickey Thomas (Man. United's new signing from Wrexham), Roger Jones (Stoke), Peter McDonnell (Oldham), Kevin Lock (Fulham), Brendan Batson (West Brom), Drew Jarvie (Aberdeen) and Willie Pettigrew (Motherwell). Italy's Paulo Rossi fills our International Star Spot.

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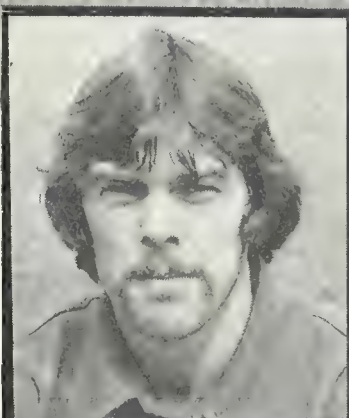
CROSSTALK

between Leeds 'keeper David Harvey and Forest winger John Robertson

Joe Jordan (right, then of Leeds) beats a Nottingham Forest defender to the ball during their League meeting at Elland Road last season.



LEEDS UNITED v. NOTTM. FOREST Monday January 1st, 1979



DAVID HARVEY
(Leeds)

HARVEY: Hello, John. Our matches against you seem to come round quickly. This is our fifth meeting, of course, since you returned to the First Division as you beat us in a two-legged League Cup Semi-Final last season. I'm glad we avoided you in this season's Semi. I'm hoping we play you in the Final.

ROBERTSON: That's how we feel too. The last League match at your place was a cracker with both

sides in tremendous form. But we thought your winner was dubious too say the least with Peter Shilton laid out on the floor as Ray Hankin scored.

HARVEY: As far as we were concerned there was nothing wrong with that goal. And we came to your place and got a point later in the season. I don't think many clubs took three points off you last term although you made up for it by thrashing us 3-1 at Elland Road in that Semi-Final.

ROBERTSON: We've been playing differently. I have been dropping into midfield and we've let teams come at us. That's probably why Peter Shilton has been so much in the news because he has had a lot more to do. And he's coped with it magnificently.

HARVEY: You were certainly attacking at our place last season. We'll have to keep an eye on Tony Woodcock, Garry Birtles and yourself. The thing that impresses me about you, John, is you've got such a variety of crosses that the opposition defence, let alone the

goalkeeper, never know what to expect.

ROBERTSON: That's probably because I don't know myself until the last moment. I don't work on my crosses at all in training. I just do what comes naturally on the day.

HARVEY: After the success you had last year I should imagine defences are keeping a closer watch on you. Have you been getting any special attention this season?

ROBERTSON: Yes, I have, David. When we played Brighton in the League Cup Quarter-Finals they put their right-winger Malcolm Poskett on me! The marking on me generally has been tighter this time, which is one reason why it's better when I drop into midfield away from home. It's easier there to move around to escape markers than when you're stuck down one side of the field.

HARVEY: I suppose a lot of people would expect some needle in this match because Brian Clough once had a brief spell as manager here.

But I don't think it will affect our lads. He could have been a great manager for us, but he was obsessed with re-building the team after Don Revie and that didn't go down too well with the players. The Revie formula had brought great success, and if Clough had stayed most of the players would have gone.

ROBERTSON: I don't think the boss will feel any differently about this match, either. Talking about players brought up under Revie, we'll be looking out for Eddie Gray, as usual. And Tony Currie seems to be doing extremely well.

HARVEY: Yes, they are playing well this season and Paul Madeley has improved on his high standard, which takes some beating. And centre-half Paul Hart has recovered magnificently after a terrible start to the season.

ROBERTSON: I expect we will come under pressure from you. Since changing our style away, we've found we have come under a lot of pressure. But we are better on the break. Spurs attacked us for most of the game on their ground, yet we won comfortably.

HARVEY: It looks as though you may have lost your chance of retaining the First Division title but I'd hate to say so because it would be just like Forest to go out and prove everyone wrong. All the same I think it unlikely especially with your involvement in the League Cup and European Cup.

ROBERTSON: We've got some catching up to do in the League but we are not giving up. We have got to keep going and hope Liverpool have a bad spell. It could happen and it would be an even greater achievement to win the League again this year.



JOHN ROBERTSON
(Forest)

HARVEY: We'll be hoping to take one of your crowns this year assuming we meet in the League Cup Final. But if you had a choice which trophy would you most like to win this season?

ROBERTSON: The League title gave me the greatest satisfaction last season but obviously winning the European Cup marks you as a great team. Personally, I'd like to win them both — but then I'm a bit greedy.



West Brom defender Alistair Robertson tackles Steve Coppell of Manchester United.

JULY

Sun.	1	8	15	22	29
Mon.	2	9	16	23	30
Tues.	3	10	17	24	31
Wed.	4	11	18	25	
Thu.	5	12	19	26	
Fri.	6	13	20	27	
Sat.	7	14	21	28	

AUGUST

Sun.	5	12	19	26	
Mon.	6	13	20	27	
Tue.	7	14	21	28	
Wed.	1	8	15	22	29
Thu.	2	9	16	23	30
Fri.	3	10	17	24	31
Sat.	4	11	18	25	

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	2	9	16	23	30
Mon.	3	10	17	24	
Tue.	4	11	18	25	
Wed.	5	12	19	26	
Thu.	6	13	20	27	
Fri.	7	14	21	28	
Sat.	1	8	15	22	29

MAKE A DATE TO BUY



Leeds' Carl Harris beats Mick Goop of Coventry to the ball.

OCTOBER

Sun.		7	14	21	28
Mon.	1	8	15	22	29
Tue.	2	9	16	23	30
Wed.	3	10	17	24	31
Thu.	4	11	18	25	
Fri.	5	12	19	26	
Sat.	6	13	20	27	

NOVEMBER

Sun.	4	11	18	25	
Mon.	5	12	19	26	
Tue.	6	13	20	27	
Wed.	7	14	21	28	
Thu.	1	8	15	22	29
Fri.	2	9	16	23	30
Sat.	3	10	17	24	

DECEMBER

Sun.	2	9	16	²³ ₃₀	
Mon.	3	10	17	²⁴ ₃₁	
Tue.	4	11	18	25	
Wed.	5	12	19	26	
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Fri.	7	14	21	28	
Sat.	1	8	15	22	29

SHOOT EVERY WEEK!



Bob Stokoe (centre) celebrating after Sunderland had beaten Leeds in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final.

It's appropriate then that only recently Halifax had yet another change when they brought back George Kirby, who led them in their most successful recent patch back at the turn of the decade.

It's not just the lower end though that has its problems. Some of the so-called glamour jobs in football have been known to cause men ulcers.

Take Sunderland who've touted Brian Clough, Lawrie McMenemy and others for example.

Sunderland are a great club. Of that there is no question. But greatness can only increase the pressures. The supporters demand all the more of the manager of a club like the one at Roker Park.

In the face of the enemy (Newcastle United) nothing but the best will do, and it's as important to be higher up the League than Newcastle, as it is to be successful.

The same is often said on Merseyside, where even Liverpool

THE HOTTEST SEATS IN

... Clubs who are notoriously tough to

EVEN in a world where it's generally felt there isn't such a thing as a safe job, there are some managers in football who can count on being in a chair longer than most.

West Ham for instance have employed only four managers since the War, Charlie Paynter, Ted Fenton, Ron Greenwood and John Lyall, and John won't mind us saying that but for Ron's elevation to the position he holds with England, he might not have had the chance of figuring on that list.

Other clubs like Bristol City,

Southampton, Ipswich Town and Liverpool tend not to like chopping and changing — but they are very much in a minority.

Obviously clubs in the lower Divisions, who haven't tasted a great deal of success, hire and fire quicker than the rest in a bid to find a winner, but there are other clubs higher up the scale who've won a reputation for being a bit hot to handle.

The term "hottest seat in football" is rather overused, especially as it's been applied to a couple of dozen clubs in the past two years, but without doubt there are some

jobs people wouldn't touch with a barge pole.

Perhaps the outstanding candidate ought to be manager of Halifax Town. Since the War The Shay office has had no fewer than 17 occupants.

Just to run down the list the job has been held by Jack Breedon, Willie Wootton, Jimmy Thomson, Gerry Henry, Bobby Browne, Willie Watson, Billy Burnicle, Harry Hooper, Vic Metcalfe, Watson (again), Alan Ball, George Kirby, Ray Henderson, George Mulhall, Johnny Quinn, Ball (again) and Jimmy Lawson.



Alan Ball.

admitted last year the blow of losing the League Championship to Nottingham Forest was softened by finishing ahead of Everton.

With Sunderland steeped in tradition the fans are aching for a return to the great days, and nothing less will do. The choice, therefore, of manager is all the more important.

Bob Stokoe coped with these peculiar problems so well he won the F.A. Cup for them in 1973, and took his side to promotion in 1976 — but once the going got a little rough, he suffered mentally and physically.

Attacks of migraine forced him to become somewhat morose at times and the heavy burden of running such a demanding life caught up with him and eventually forced him out of the game for a while.

He has found life more endurable at Bury and Blackpool since, though the kudos is obviously not so high.

This same need to keep pace



Wilf McGuinness (left) in happier times during his managerial days at Old Trafford.

with tradition makes Arsenal and Manchester United difficult clubs to manage.

Arsenal have been the more stable with men like Tom Whittaker and Bertie Mee upholding the tradition of the job that goes with the marble halls, but Billy Wright for all his fame as England's most capped footballer in history at the time, found it too much.

Billy is one of the most likeable characters you could wish to meet, but being manager of Arsenal is so different to the position with any other club, he found the pressures intolerable.

Terry Neill who has given The Gunners a new sense of purpose over the past couple of seasons, admitted when he took on the job he had to exorcise a few ghosts from the past before he could imprint his own personality on Highbury.



Brian Clough spent 44 days as boss of Leeds United.

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Even he would tell you the job was bigger than he ever dreamt, but now he is settled into it, the challenge is tremendous and the rewards far outweigh the problems one has to learn to live with.

Dave Sexton has had similar ghosts haunting him at Old Trafford — and, perhaps unkindly, one could say the largest ghost of all is still active at the club in the shape of Sir Matt Busby.

That is not meant to be detrimental to Sir Matt — but simply because he achieved so much, scaled so many peaks in his own time as manager, the job is almost impossible.

Will McGuinness and Frank O'Farrell failed for different reasons, McGuinness because he was a former player who was still overawed by great players when he was supposed to be telling them what to do, O'Farrell because he inherited an ageing side and didn't act quickly enough to redress the balance.

Tommy Docherty achieved success all right — but left in a cloud

of controversy, that is common knowledge and not worth repeating.

Now Dave Sexton, quiet, unassuming man that he is, has to build his own reputation, make his own mark, and inevitably he is making enemies along the way, especially people who want United to play in the flamboyant style that IS United — irrespective of results.

Other clubs have become reputedly the ones not to touch because of the way they've handled previous managers.

Leeds United for example did not win many admirers by the way they handled the Brian Clough affair and that has rebounded on them since.

It was undoubtedly a mistake to hire a man who had been vigorously critical of the Leeds players, and Leeds got what they deserved when an ugly chapter ended with Clough being dismissed almost before he had hung up his coat.

More recently they allowed a situation to develop whereby the whole of the football world was speculating, not as to whether



Billy Wright

Jimmy Armfield would be sacked, but WHEN

No one can blame the Elland Road directors for lamenting the way they lost Jock Stein to Scotland after little more than six weeks, but perhaps it was their come uppance for previous wrongdoings.

It would be very easy to assume where competition is fiercest in an area, it follows the managers job is all the more precarious. But that doesn't exactly stand up.

Both Bristol clubs for example seem to stand by their man, while the East Anglian pair Ipswich and Norwich certainly believe in giving a man a chance — John Bond and Bobby Robson seem to be fixtures in that lovely part of the world and who can blame them.

But if you took the Midlands as an example you would believe that management is a cut-throat profession.

West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham, Walsall, Stoke and Derby have all had three different managers in a couple of years.

Wolves and Leicester have made recent changes so Gordon Milne is now the daddy of them all at Coventry, having made a very

good impression at Highfield Road over several seasons.

Having highlighted Halifax Town's apparent desire to ring the changes as often as possible, it should be said there are some clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions who like to hang on to their managers.

Aldershot and Barnsley seem loathe to make changes which is good news for resident bosses Tom McArdney and Allan Clarke.

Tom is the longest serving manager in the Fourth Division at the moment, and although Clarke has only just settled in at Oakwell he can take comfort from the fact since the War his predecessors number only five with Johnny Steele having had a particularly long stint.

The same sadly cannot be said of neighbours Doncaster Rovers however.

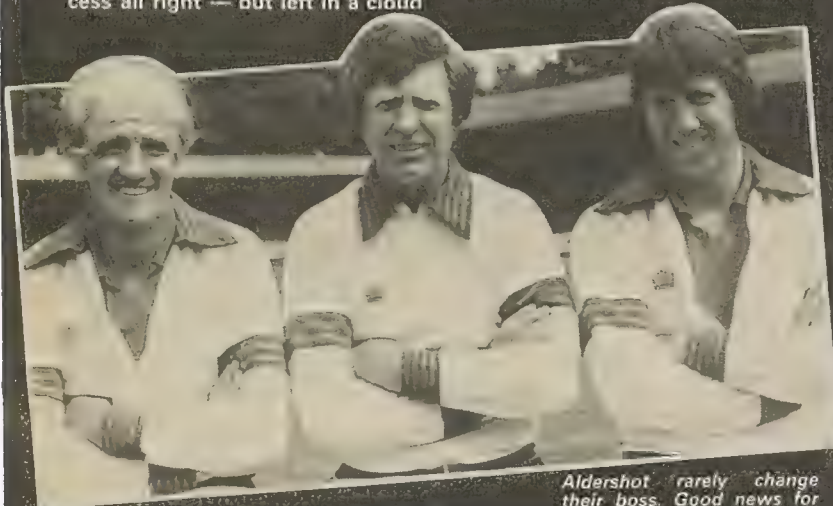
In wishing the best of luck to Billy Bremner who took over from Stan Anderson recently it has to be pointed out Rovers have run up an alarming number of names on their scroll — though to be fair the list is swelled by Jackie Bestall who actually took the job on THREE times.

There's one other consideration when it comes to talking about the jobs one might be advised to avoid — and that's a geographical one.

The remote areas where League football is played seem to hold an attraction for shorter than the average time. That, presumably, is why extreme clubs like Carlisle and Plymouth are well into double figures when it comes to the men who've led them since the War.

Finally Chelsea, the club with the greatest debt in the Football League... £2,542,005 to be exact.

Even the prospect of reducing those vast arrears and saving the club from relegation didn't stop Danny Blanchflower from taking over one of soccer's red-hot seats when manager Ken Shellito resigned.



Aldershot rarely change their boss. Good news for McArdney (centre).

'1978-A VERY BAD YEAR



Gordon in action during his last game for the United first team... at Arsenal last April 1st.

THANK goodness 1978 is almost over. It's been a very bad year for me... the worst of my career.

I realised the writing was on the Old Trafford wall as early as the first week in January, when Manchester United manager Dave Sexton left me out of the team to play at Carlisle in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup.

United drew 1-1 at Brunton Park, while I was left to brood about my future.

Dave Sexton's previous club Queens Park Rangers had made a bid for me, but really I didn't want to leave Man. United at the time.

I thought Dave Sexton and I would sort out our differences and I'd settle down to enjoying life as a United player again.

Mr. Sexton recalled me for the Cup replay against Carlisle at Old Trafford and I helped the team to a 4-2 victory.

Unfortunately that win didn't really help to ease the situation that existed at Old T.

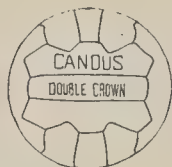
Don't get me wrong about Dave Sexton. He's a first class coach and away from football we got on well. I like him as a bloke.

But where the game was concerned we seemed on different wavelengths. He was too deep for me, too much of a theorist.

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It soon became apparent he didn't like my style and I couldn't adapt to become the sort of player he wanted.

As you know, certain players at United also wanted to see the back of me. This undercurrent hardly helped my form.

United struggled in the League, but I genuinely thought we could have a good run in the F.A. Cup... maybe even get to Wembley again.

But West Brom put paid to those dreams with a sparkling 3-2 victory in our Fourth Round replay at The Hawthorns on February 1st. Even scoring a goal couldn't ease my disappointment.

United were out of the League Cup (beaten at Arsenal in the Second Round), the F.A. Cup, the Cup-Winners' Cup (beaten by

Porto), and had no chance of winning the League. What a season it was turning out to be.

United's inconsistency and my own lack of real form hardly impressed England manager Ron Greenwood.

As you can imagine I was sick at being left out of the full squad for the match against West Germany in Munich.

However, I didn't completely lose touch with the international scene, and helped England B beat West Germany B in Augsburg, the night before the full international.

Despite the problems that were mounting for me at Old T, I maintained my goalscoring form and was proud of the fact I was by far the club's leading scorer for the season.

Then on my birthday, April 1st, United went down 3-1 at Arsenal and I was pulled off in the second-half.

I never knew it then, but that was to be the last time I played for the United first team.

The following week after playing for the reserves at Preston, one of their players revealed Derby County had made a bid for me.

Incredible. The first I heard of a



One of the year's few happy moments for Gordon... when he signed for Derby County.

proposed move was from an opposing player in front of a couple of hundred people at Deepdale.

I went straight back to Old Trafford after the game to see if anyone there could enlighten me... no one could.

A few days later I was informed my old boss Tommy Docherty had bid £250,000 for me, but there was a snag... United wanted cash.

Fortunately, the situation was resolved and I met The Doc at a hotel in Cheshire... and signed on the dotted line for Derby County.

That was on 13th April, but I was unable to play against West Ham the following Saturday or subsequent games because they could have affected relegation.

I made my debut for Derby County, when promotion and relegation issues had been settled, ironically against Arsenal, at the Baseball Ground on Tuesday, May 9th, just a few days after their F.A. Cup Final defeat by Ipswich Town.

At least my first League appearance for The Rams was a memorable occasion. I scored in Derby's 3-0 win.

During the summer I toured Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia with the England B squad.

The tour was a great success and I ended as leading scorer.

I kicked off the 1978-79 season with great hopes and aims for myself and Derby County... but after three matches received a bad injury which kept me out for the next nine or ten weeks.

I'd say that period was not only the worst of the year, but of my whole career.

Things got strained at home. I was difficult to live with. I worried about the future. I had doubts whether I would eventually fully recover.

But I did get back, thanks mainly to Derby physio Gordon Guthrie and slowly began to regain something of my usual form.

Because of the injury, the upheaval of moving house, and the transitional period Derby were going through I became unsettled. There was talk of a transfer back to London.

I'm not saying I wouldn't like to

get "back home" eventually, I've never denied that, but at the moment all I'm interested in is helping Derby back up the table and to a good F.A. Cup run.

Those are my two main aims for 1979. My third? Regaining my place in the England B team and then the full England side.

Being out of the international reckoning is a blow to my ego and pride.

Thankfully 1978 is almost past history. I'm now looking forward to 1979 with renewed ambition and enthusiasm.

Let's all hope the New Year sees more entertainment... more goals and excitement. Less hooliganism and continued progress for England in the European Championship.

Before I close I've just enough space to mention two games... away at Middlesbrough this Saturday (December 30th) and at home to Ipswich on New Year's Day.

Boro don't give much away at Ayresome so I'm expecting a tough tussle at the weekend. I'll be content with half-a-loaf, or a share of the spoils.

Derby will beat the F.A. Cup holders at the Baseball next Monday!

Ipswich aren't enjoying the best of spells this season. I don't know why, nor does manager Bobby Robson, or the players.

How a potential Championship winning team can slump so alarmingly after achieving their first real success is one of the mysteries of football.

Whatever the outcome on January 1st it will be good to see my old mates from Portman Road, especially Paul Mariner. We've shared a few laughs together on England duty.

A Very Happy New Year to all readers and success for your team whoever you support.

Cheers for now...

Gordon Hill

Our star writer helped England B defeat West Germany B in Augsburg back in February. He desperately wants to regain his international status.



RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

F.A. CUP (First Round)

(Continued)

WORCESTER (1) 2 (Phelps, Williams)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 8,253
Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Silkman, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Brennan (Trusson).

YEOVIL (0) 0
BARKING (1) 1 (Key) 3,030

YORK (1) 1 (Pugh)
BLYTH (1) 1 (Johnson pen.) 5,088
York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Wellings, McDonald, Staniforth.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Fleming, Sullivan, Harper 2)

HIBS (0) 1 (Hutchinson) 13,259
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster (Jarvie), Rougvie, Miller, Strachan, Fleming, Harper, Sullivan, Davidson (Cooper).
Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Bremner, Fleming, McNamara, Mathisen, MacLeod, Refvik, Callachan, Hutchinson.

CELTIC (0) 1 (McAdam) 26,000
PARTICK (0) 0
Celtic: Baines; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, MacDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, McLeod, McAdam, Casey, Doyle.
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson (Love), Campbell, Marr, Houston, Melrose, O'Hara, Somner, Park.

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Kirkwood) 6,896
ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (Torranche)
Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Start, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Honeyman, Sturrock, Robinson (Frye), Kirkwood, Addison.
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark (Hyslop), Bone, Torrance, Abercrombie.

HEARTS (1) 3 (O'Connor, Robertson, Fraser)
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Marinello, Larnach) 8,984
Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd, Jefferies, McNicoll, Liddell, Fraser, Robertson, Bannan, O'Connor, Busby, Prentice (McQuade).
Motherwell: Rennie; Shanks, Wark, MacLeod, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Lindsay, Larnach, Clinging (Capaldi), Wilson.

RANGERS (1) 3 (Johnstone, Cooper, Smith)
MORTON (0) 0 16,000
Rangers: McCloy; Forsyth (A), Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, Watson, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell (Tolmis), Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

B INTERNATIONAL

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 0
ENGLAND (0) 1 (Daley) in Prague 5,000
Czechoslovakia: Caloun; Mazura, Vlachovick, Macela, Koubek, Nemec, Novak, Rott, Licka, Briza, Dvorak.
England: Corrigan (Man. C.); Gidman (Villa), Sansom (Palace), Talbot (Ipswich), Greenhoff (B) (Man. U), (sub: Hazell (Wolves)), Lyons (Everton), Cunningham (WBA), Daley (Wolves), Sunderland (Arsenal), Mortimer (Villa) (sub: Owen (Man. C)), Flanagan (Charlton) (sub: Regis (WBA)).

F.A. CUP First Round replays

BLYTH (1) 3 (Shoulder 2 pens., Davies)
YORK (2) 5 (Ford, Clements, Wellings 2, Staniforth) a.e.t. 3,500
York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Wellings, McDonald, Staniforth.



Steve Daley scored the decisive goal for the England B team that beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 in Prague.

BURY (3) 4 (Gregory 2, Kennedy, Wilson pen.)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Moore) 9,342
Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.
Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Moore, Purdie.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Westwood)
READING (1) 2 (Lewis, Kearney) a.e.t. 6,441
Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Hughes, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Jolley (White), Price, Westwood, Richardson.
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Kearns, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

RUNCORN (0) 0
CHESTER (4) 5 (Mellor 2, Jones, Phillips, Howatt) 4,441
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Jeffries, Storton, Delgado, Jones, Livermore, Howatt, Mellor, Phillips.

SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Nimmo)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 9,760
Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Smith, Pickering, Johnson, Wylde, Porterfield, Leman, Nimmo, Hornsby.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg, Kavanagh, Keeley.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Cork)
GRAVESEND (0) 0 3,369
Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Haverson, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell (Briley), Cork, Parsons.

WOKING (1) 3 (Cosham, Alexander, Morton)
BARNET (1) 3 (Brown, Fairbrother 2) a.e.t. 1,732

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

PORTUGAL (0) 0
SCOTLAND (0) 3 (McCluskey, MacLeod 2, 1 pen.) 2,000
Portugal: Jorge; Lavo, Silva, Alinho, Tobica, Pereira, Manuel, Antonio, Jorge, Fontes, Folha.
Scotland: Stewart (Middlesbrough); Stewart (Dundee U), Dawson (Rangers), Wark (Ipswich), McNichol (Brentford), Orr (Morton), McCluskey (Celtic), Bannan (Hearts), MacLeod (Hibs), Aitken (Celtic), Melrose (Partick). (Sub MacLeod (Celtic)).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND (0) 1 (Coppell)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 0 at Wembley 92,000
England: Shilton (Nottm F); Anderson (Nottm F), Cherry (Leeds), Thompson (Liverpool), Watson (Man. C), Wilkins (Chelsea), Keegan (Hamburg), Coppell (Man. U), Woodcock (Nottm F) (sub: Latchford (Everton)), Currie (Leeds), Barnes (Man. C).
Czechoslovakia: Michalik; Barmos, Vojacek, Jurkemik, Gogh, Stambacher, Kozak, Gajdusek, Jarusek (Panenka), Masny, Nehoda.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

BULGARIA (0) 0
N. IRELAND (1) 2 (Armstrong, Caskey) in Sofia 30,000
Bulgaria: Goranov; Grancharov, Stankov (P), Karakolev, Dimitrov, Sretkov, Gochev, Slavkov, Mladenov (Dzevizov), Panov, Stankov (A) (Svetkov).
N. Ireland: Jennings (Arsenal); Hamilton (Swindon), Nicholl (J) (Man U), Nicholl (C) (Southampton), Nelson (Arsenal), O'Neill (Nottm F), McCreery (Man. U), McIlroy (Man. U) (sub: Moreland (Derby)), Cochrane (Middlesbrough). (Sub: McGrath (Man. U)), Armstrong (Tottenham), Caskey (Derby).

PORTUGAL (1) 1 (Alberto)
SCOTLAND (0) 0 in Lisbon 60,000
Portugal: Bento; Artur, Humberto, Alinhho, Alberto, Pietra, Alves, Oliveira (Eurico), Costa (Sheu), Gomes, Nene.
Scotland: Rough (Partick); Kennedy (Aberdeen), McQueen (Man. U), Buchan (Man. U), Gray (F), (Leeds) (Sub: Donachie Man. C), Narey (Dundee U), Gemmill (Nottm F), Hartford (Man. C), Dalglish (Liverpool), Jordan (Man. U). (Sub: Wallace (Coventry)), Robertson (Nottm F).

WALES (0) 1 (Deacy)
TURKEY (0) 0 at Wrexham 11,794
Wales: Davies (Wrexham); Stevenson (Leeds), Jones (Wrexham), Phillips (Swansea), Yorath (Coventry), Thomas (Man. U), Harris (Leeds), Flynn (Leeds), Deacy (Beringen), Dwyer (Cardiff), James (Burnley).
Turkey: Senol; Turgay, Erdoan, cem, Necati, Fatih, Necdet, Mehmeteski, Sedat, Onder, Ahmet.

F.A. CUP First Round replay

WEYMOUTH (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Shanahan, Dungworth) 3,468
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Woollett, Dixon, Oulden, Opling, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, McGregor.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Third Division: Tranmere v Colchester postponed; Fourth Division: Stockport v Grimsby postponed.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Price)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 51,902
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gattling, Rix.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson (Johnson), Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Gillies)
DERBY (0) 0 17,487
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Mabbutt.
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland (Hill), Moreland, Carter, Powell, Duncan, Caskey, Clark.

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Beattie, Wark pen.)
LEEDS (2) 3 (Hankin, Harris, Cherry) 22,526
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Woods.
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Harris.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Harkoul)
BOLTON (3) 3 (Gowling, Worthington 2) 11,635
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Francis, Harkoul, Busby, McGee (Hamilton).
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Walsh, Morgan, Reid, Gowling, Worthington, McNab.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Boyer)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 18,957
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Curran.
Birmingham: Freeman, Tarantini (Pendrey), Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Page, Calderwood, Dillon, Givens, Buckley, Fox.

Postponed: Villa v Coventry; Everton v W.B.A.; Man. U v Norwich; Middlesbrough v Tottenham; Nottm F v Chelsea; Wolves v Man. C.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Horton pen., Sayer)
ORIENT (0) 0 16,691
Brighton: Moseley; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Poskett, Ward, Maybank (Ryan), Sayer, O'Sullivan.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Chiedoze, Coates.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Elwiss)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 19,287
Palace: Burridge; Hazell, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Fenwick, Murphy, Swind-lehurst, Elwiss, Walsh.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Mitchell, Martin, Bird, Blackley, Suggett, Walker (Nichol-son), Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

FULHAM (1) 1 (Guthrie)
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hooks) 7,591
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Bullivant, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.
Notts. Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Mitchell, Dwyer o.g.)
CARDIFF (0) 0 5,381
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Cham-bers, Kitchener, Blyth, Towner, Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Chatterton.
Cardiff: Platt; Dwyer, Thomas, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Attley, Bishop, Evans (Pethard), Stevens, Buchanan.

STOKE 0
LEICESTER 0 15,950
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Johnson, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Williams, Kelly, Weller, Ridley, Christie, Henderson, Hughes.

SUNDERLAND (1) 5 (Entwistle 3, Lee, Rowell)
BRISTOL R (0) 0 18,864
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Chisholm, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Jones, Day, Taylor, Hendrie, Dennehy (White), Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Barry.



Leeds' Paul Hart was in splendid form when United beat Ipswich 3-2 at Portman Road.

WEST HAM (1) 5 (Taylor A, Robson 2, Bonds, Curbishley)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 21,379
 West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T); Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Taylor (A), Robson.
 Cambridge: Webster; Corbin (Murray), Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Christie, Spriggs, Garner, Finney, Biley.

Postponed: Burnley v Luton; Oldham v Wrexham; Preston v Charlton; Sheff. U v Blackburn.



Hammer's Billy Bonds hit one of his team's goals in their 5-0 thrashing of Cambridge.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (McCulloch) 5,130
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Graham (J), Glover, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Walsall: Kearns; Paul, Caswell, Macken, Sbragia (Waddington P), Harrison, Birch, Waddington (S), Penn, McDonough, Kelly.

EXETER 0
SOUTHEND 0 3,195
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Mitchell, Forbes, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Pearson, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.
 Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates (Walker), Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Pountney, Polycarpou, Parker, Dudley, Morris.

GILLINGHAM 0
CARLISLE 0 4,322
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price (Walker), Westwood, Richardson.
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Ludlam, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 3,311
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Graydon, Hodgson, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

SWANSEA (2) 4 (Boersma, Toshack 2, Charles)
SHEFF. WED (2) 2 (Wylde, Hornsby) 10,000
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Phillips, Toshack, Charles, Callaghan, James, Wadde, Boersma, Moore (Stephenson).
 Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Pickering, Smith, Johnson, Wylde, Porterfield, Nimmo, Leman, Hornsby.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Train)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Goodwin) 10,568
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirr, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner (Cassells), Downes, Blissett, Jenkins, Mayes, Train.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B) (Wood), Foster (C), Saxby (M), Bird, Martin, Moss, Syrett, Goodwin, McClelland.



Wimbledon's Dave Donaldson played a vital part in The Dons' 2-1 home victory over Halifax.

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, McGregor.

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Goddard, Walden) 2,450
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Stone)
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Lownes, Davies, Bruton, Vaughan, Sinclair (Relish), Woods, Warriner, Goddard.
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Lyons (Probert), Ferguson, Seal, Walsh, Wann.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Gerwood, Hemmerman) 3,592
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Robertson, Reilly, Ashenden, Farrington, Williams, Cordice, Froggatt, Wassell (Waldock).
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Barnard (McIlwraith), Pullar.

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Cork 2)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Campbell) 2,374
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Haverson, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Briley, Denny, Cork, Parsons.
 Halifax: Leonard; Hutt, Loska, Smith, Burke (Kennedy), Dunleavy, Nixon, Mountford, Campbell, Sidebottom, Johnson.

Postponed: Bury v Blackpool, Chester v Lincoln; Chesterfield v Swindon; Hull v Plymouth; Peterborough v Shrewsbury.

Postponed: Barnsley v Bournemouth; Bradford v Hartlepool; Reading v Crewe; Scunthorpe v Hereford; Wigan v Torquay; York v Port Vale.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Owen) 1,750
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Doncaster: Peacock; Read, Hemsley, Bowden, Bradley, Olney, Laidlaw, Meagan, Owen, French, Bentley (Lewis).
 Rochdale: Felgate; Bannon, O'Loughlin, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Hilditch, Esser, Price.

HUDDERSFIELD 0
ALDERSHOT 0 3,138
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Lillis, Topping, Sutton, Fletcher, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

All games postponed.

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WHEN MARTIN PETERS STOPS PLAYING...



ALTHOUGH he's 35, playing as well as ever and has a contract until 1981, Norwich City captain Martin Peters knows exactly what he wants to do during the 1980's. After he quits the playing side, Peters is determined to become a coach and, eventually, a manager. He says: "The fatality rate doesn't put me off. I like football so much I want to stay involved in the game. 'I've been under some of the best managers around in my playing career and I aim to follow in their footsteps. 'Perhaps I'll take a coaching job to start; it's a question of consider-

ing the offers that are available at the time. But I don't want to be a Number Two forever. I'll be my own man one day."

Of the famous West Ham 1966 World Cup trio — Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters — Martin, the quiet one, could be the most successful of all in the "hot seat". Geoff Hurst, now helping out Ron Greenwood's England, has been player-manager of Telford United, but Moore is still searching for a post.

Peters says: "It's a shame that someone of Bobby's experience and stature should be out of the game."

"Perhaps clubs were almost frightened by his reputation, I don't know. The impression I have now is that Bobby isn't rushing to find a job in soccer. He has business interests and the longer he is out of football, the less likely it is that he'll return."

Peters may not be an extrovert, but he talks about the game with the knowledge and enthusiasm that has been the hallmark of his playing style over the years.

"Personally, I'd like to see full-time professional referees. I'm not

criticising them out of hand, because I know how hard a job it is, but if being full-time can raise the standard, it could only benefit the game."

"Relationships between players and referees aren't getting any better. I don't think managers tell their men to go out and kick so-and-so. Flare-ups just happen on the spur of the moment. They're part of the game."

"What does annoy me is that referees too often miss the bad foul, the one that could break a leg. I'd like to see officials showing more courage with red cards, too."

"As captain, I try and keep my players calm. If they flare up, I go and have a word with them. I've had a few 'words' with Duncan Forbes in my time! It's especially dangerous to concede free-kicks around the edge of your own penalty-area these days as forwards are becoming more dangerous from such situations."

"I tend not to watch myself on television, especially if we've lost. What's the point? I know why we've lost, so I don't need to see it again on 'the box'."

Peters holds a unique situation

in English football, being skipper of a side that contains his manager's son — Kevin Bond.

Martin says: "This makes no difference at all at Carrow Road. Kevin is just another player. He receives no special treatment from anyone at the club."

"Although our away results have been poor, there is no way we'll change our attacking style. We tried to play a bit tighter at Bolton and lost 2-3. After that game, I told John that we should continue to play the way we believe is best."

"In fact, in the next away game — at Chelsea — we began with a more defensive formation and found ourselves 1-3 down. I moved up-front and we switched to our more natural attacking style and eventually drew 3-3."

Peters had a big date just before Christmas ... at Buckingham Palace, to collect his M.B.E.

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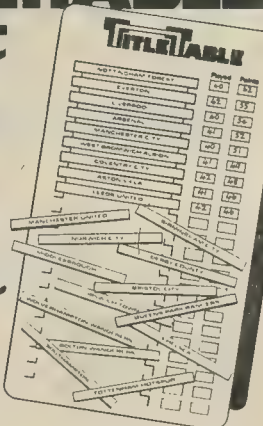
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Sheffield United...

a tightrope of promotion hopes or relegation fears

AS with Wednesday, Sheffield United's start in football owes much to cricket. Perhaps even more so than their Hillsborough rivals, because it was only a few years ago that Yorkshire County Cricket Club finally moved away from Bramall Lane, the ground they had shared with United for many years.

United were formed in 1889 from the county cricket club players and in the 1892-93 season were admitted to the Second Division. The club won promotion at the first attempt when they finished runners-up, and from 1893 to 1934 had an unbeaten stay in the First Division.

In that period the club won their only League Championship title in 1897-98.

All good things come to an end, however, and a bottom place saw the club spend five years in the Second Division until the end of

the 1938-39 season.

Any hopes United supporters had of watching First Division football were dashed by World War Two. Afterwards their stay in the



Former star, Jimmy Hagan

Building for next season

INCONSISTENT form has hardly made Sheffield United look like promotion candidates from the Second Division. Although the season is only halfway through its programme of League soccer, manager Harry Haslam may have to use the rest of the 1978-79 term as a platform to blend together a promotion side for next season.

The signing of Alex Sabella from Argentina was a master-stroke by Haslam. His brilliant ball-control and passing has thrilled the Bramall Lane supporters. Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables joined in the praise of Sabella after United's recent visit to Selhurst Park.

Palace won 3-1, but the highlight of the game was the form of Sabella against the very talented Palace side. Haslam has drafted in several youngsters in recent weeks and one who has caught the attention is Imrie Varadi, a player who was signed from local football in Hertfordshire, an area well known to Haslam, the former Luton manager.



Harry Haslam



Alex Sabella

if the League story of United is a varied one then their F.A. Cup history makes better reading. They have appeared in six Finals and won four of them.

United's last F.A. Cup Final appearance came in 1936 when they fell victims to the legendary Arsenal side of that period. Ted Drake scored the only goal of the game to win the Cup for The Gunners.

Many fine players have worn the United strips of red and white stripes. One of the earliest favourites was goalkeeper Bill 'Fatty' Foulkes who at one time weighed 26 stone. Harry Johnson won a Cup winner's medal in 1902 and his son was on United's winning side of 1925.

In a later time came Jimmy Hagan, a tall and graceful inside forward. While the appearance record for the club is held by defender Joe Shaw who between 1948-66 played 237 times.

top flight lasted only three seasons as United were bottom in 1949. They then had four seasons in the Second Division before finishing Champions in 1952-53.

Position of 20th was followed by one of 13th, but hope United would take a firmer grip in the First Division was demolished the following season (1955-56) when once again they were bottom and relegated.

It was a see-saw that United and Wednesday have played well since World War Two. Five more seasons in Division Two ended with runners-up spot in 1960-61.

Seven terms in Division One was again followed by relegation (1967-68). Since then practically every season has been a mixture of promotion hopes or relegation fears.

PEN PICTURES

(L. App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All appearances to end of 1977-78 season.)

PETER ANDERSON: Midfielder signed from Tampa Bay in August. Born Hendon. Ht: 5.10. Wt: 11.3. L. App: Luton 178 and 3s. G: 34.

CLIFF CALVERT: Defender signed from York for £30,000 in September, 1975. Born Wombwell. Ht: 5.11. Wt: 10.6. L. App: York 62 and 5s. Sheff. U. 57 and 3s. G: Sheff. U. 4.

STEVE CONROY: Goalkeeper signed professional in December, 1974. Born Chesterfield. Ht: 5.11. Wt: 12.1. L. App: 3.

JOHN CUTBUSH: Defender signed April, 1977 from Fulham for £15,000. Born Malta. Ht: 5.7½. Wt: 10.7. L. App: Fulham 132 and 3s. Sheff. U. 53 and 2s. G: Fulham 3. Sheff. U. 1.

STEVE FINNIESTON: Striker signed June, 1978 for £100,000 from Chelsea. Born Edinburgh. Ht: 5.11. Wt: 11.2. L. App: Chelsea 78 and 2s. Cardiff (loan) 9. G: Chelsea 34. Cardiff 2.

COLIN FRANKS: Defender signed from Watford for £55,000 in June, 1973. Born Wembley. Ht: 5.11. Wt: 12.8. L. App: Watford 99 and 14s. Sheff. U. 124 and 9s. G: Watford 8. Sheff. U. 6.

PAUL GARNER: Defender signed from Huddersfield for £50,000 in December, 1975. Born Doncaster. Ht: 5.6. Wt: 9.10. L. App: Huddersfield 96. Sheff. U. 68. G: Huddersfield 2. Sheff. U. 1.

GARY HAMSON: Midfielder signed professional November, 1976. Born Nottingham. Ht: 5.9½. Wt: 10.12. L. App: 66 and 1s. G: 4.

NICKY JOHNS: Goalkeeper signed from Tampa Bay for £100,000 in August. Born Bristol. Ht: 6.1. Wt: 11.1. L. App: Millwall 50.

ANDY KEELEY: Midfielder signed

from Tottenham December, 1977 on a free transfer. Born Basildon. Ht: 5.10. Wt: 11.5. L. App: Tottenham 5 and 1s. Sheff. U. 16.

TONY KENWORTHY: Midfielder



John Matthews

signed professional April, 1975. Born Leeds. Ht: 5.8. Wt: 10.8. L. App: 69 and 3s. G: 2.

JOHN MATTHEWS: Defender signed from Arsenal for £80,000 in June, 1978. Born London. Ht: 5.11. Wt: 11.13. L. App: Arsenal 38 and 7s. G: Arsenal 2.

CRAIG BENWICK: Defender signed from East Stirling for £20,000 in April, 1978. Born Larnak. L. App: 7 and 4s.

ALEX SABELLA: Midfielder signed from Argentinian club River Plate for United record fee of £160,000 in July, 1978.

MICK SPEIGHT: Midfielder signed professional May, 1968. Born Upton. Ht: 5.9½. Wt: 11.2½. L. App: 111 and 14s. G: 8.

SIMON STAINROB: Striker signed professional July, 1976. Born Sheffield. Ht: 5.10. Wt: 11.1. L. App: 50 and 3s. G: 11.

IMRIE VARADI: Striker signed professional from local soccer in Letchford. Born Paddington.

SHEFFIELD UNITED



Back Row (left to right): Cecil Caldwell, Tony Knowlton, Paul Garner, Craig Hetherington, Colin Franks, Jim Brown, Steve Cantlay, Steve Fothergill, Simon Stannard, Michael Guy, Andy Keeley

Front Row: John Gough, Gary Harrison, Cliff Carver, Danny Beggs, Harry Haslam, Alan Woodward (now Tulsa Roughnecks), Mick Speight, Alex Sabella

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



Back Row (left to right): R. Watts, B. Grant, W. Smith, C. Tanner, B. Cox, B. Bolder, J. Porter, J. Mould, J. Mould, T. Tait, J. Tait, M. Sissons (squad), T. Tait (squad), J. Johnson

Front Row: D. Hargrave, D. Hargrave, D. Lemley, C. Gregson, G. Owen, H. Bawd, J. Charlton (captain), L. St. John (squad), P. Stratt, P. Stratt, W. Minton, L. McKinnon, J. Minton

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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Derek Dooley, whose brilliant goalscoring career for Wednesday was tragically ended in 1953.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY... Champions in successive seasons



TO record the League changes in the history of Sheffield Wednesday would need a book the size of Gibbon's "Decline and fall of the Roman Empire."

It is sufficient to add that The Owls have had 15 changes of Division in the Football League since their election to the First in 1892.

Sheffield Wednesday's history began 25 years before then — on September 4th, 1867. In a Sheffield public house members of a cricket club of the same name decided to play soccer to keep fit during winter.

For those who wonder how the club got its nickname "The Owls", the answer is quite simple. One of several grounds used by Wednesday was Owlerton.

Wednesday entered the F.A. Cup in 1881 and did well to reach the

Semi-Final in only their second season in the competition.

They reached the Final in 1890, but were hammered 6-1 by Blackburn Rovers.

The club's earliest success came in 1896 when they won the first of their three F.A. Cup Finals, beating Wolves 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

The taste of their first League Championship in 1902-03 appealed to the palate of the Wednesday team of that era and they repeated the feat the following term.

Three years later, in 1907, Wednesday brought the Cup back to Hillsborough when they beat Everton 2-1, again at Crystal Palace.

If the start of the 20th century saw honours come to the club, then the 1920's reached a new peak.



They won the Second Division title in 1925-26 and followed it up by winning the First Division Championship in 1928-29 and retained the title the following season.

Since 1930, Sheffield Wednesday's highest position in the First Division was second in 1960-61.

More success in the F.A. Cup was still to come, though. In 1935 they lifted the trophy for the third time when on their first ever visit to Wembley they beat West Brom 4-2.

Mention one player in the post-War era to Wednesday fans and it has got to be Derek Dooley.

Tall and awkward he may have looked and it is possible that the modern coaches of today would have changed his style.

Luckily for supporters it was different years ago and Dooley was a name that sent fear into opposing defences and thrilled fans wherever he played.

Head down he went for goal v. Preston in 1953 and suffered an injury which resulted in him losing a leg. But for that tragedy, Dooley could well have been one of the most prolific scorers of all-time.

In the 1951-52 season, he scored 46 League goals as Wednesday won the Second Division title. In all Dooley scored 62 goals in only 59 League games. He later managed Wednesday for a spell and is now commercial manager of rivals Sheffield United.

Charlton can make Owls proud again!

IT is a sad fact that Sheffield Wednesday are now in the Third Division. Only eight years ago they were in the First, but the end of the 1969-70 season saw the decline of a club that has tasted triumph in both League and F.A. Cup in the past.

Now manager Jackie Charlton (left) faces the task of restoring former glory to the Hillsborough club.

He is more than capable of getting the famous club back to the big time. He has done it before as Middlesbrough fans will remember, when he took the Ayresome Park

team up from the Second to the First Division.

Charlton has some promising material to work on at the club and needs the patience of the supporters as he builds a team that when it wins promotion will be capable of sustaining a place in the higher grade.

Perhaps the best known player is Ian Porterfield who scored the goal for Sunderland that beat Leeds to win the F.A. Cup in 1973.

Charlton also moved into the transfer market this season to sign Mike Pickering from Southampton for around £60,000.

PEN PICTURES

(L. App:— League appearances. G:— Goals. S:— Substitutes. All appearances to end of the 1977-78 season.)

RAY BLACKHALL: Defender signed from Newcastle United in August, 1978. Born Ashington. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Newcastle 26 and 11 sub.

BOB BOLDER, (right): Goalkeeper signed from Southern League club Dover in March, 1977. Born Dover. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.3. L. App:— 23.

HUGH DOWD: Central defender signed from Glenavon in July, 1974. Three caps for Northern Ireland. Born Lurgan. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.3. L. App:— 103 and 3 sub.

DAVID GRANT: Defender signed professional in February, 1978. Born Sheffield. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 12.11. L. App:— 24.

BRIAN HORNSBY: Striker signed from Shrewsbury Town in March, 1978. Born Cambridge. Ht. 5.8. Wt.



10.7. L. App:— Arsenal 23 and 3 sub, Shrewsbury 75, Sheffield Wednesday 13. G:— Arsenal 5, Shrewsbury 16, Sheffield Wednesday 3.

JEFF JOHNSON: Midfielder signed from Crystal Palace in July, 1976.

England Under-23 caps. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Man. City 4 and 2 sub, Swansea (loan) 37 and 2 sub, C. Palace 82 and 5 sub. Sheff. Wed. 73. G:— Swansea (loan) 4, C. Palace 4, Sheff. Wed. 2.

DENIS LEMAN: Midfielder signed from Manchester City in January, 1977. Born Newcastle. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.9. L. App:— Man. City 10 and 7 sub, Sheff. Wed. 49 and 10 sub. G:— Man. City 1, Sheff. Wed. 8.

JIMMY MULLEN: Defender signed professional in October, 1970. Born Jarrow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— 174 and 6 sub. G:— 7.

IAN NIMMO: Striker signed professional in January, 1976. Born Boston. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Peterborough (loan) 4, Sheff. Wed. 18 and 12 sub. G:— Peterborough (loan) 1, Sheff. Wed. 6.

GORDON OWEN: Striker signed professional in November, 1976. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10st. L. App:— 3.

MIKE PICKERING: Defender signed from Southampton in October, 1978. Born Huddersfield. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.5. L. App:— Barnsley 100, Southampton 41. G:— Barnsley 1.

IAN PORTERFIELD: Midfielder signed from Sunderland in July, 1977. Born Dunfermline. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.8. L. App:— Raith 117, Sunderland 218 and 13 sub, Reading (loan) 5, Sheff. Wed. 38. G:— Raith 17, Sunderland 17.

DAVID RUSHBURY: Defender signed from West Bromwich Albion in January, 1977. Born Wolverhampton. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— W.B.A. 28, Sheff. Wed. 75. G:— Sheff. Wed. 6.

MARK SMITH: Defender signed professional in January, 1978. Born Sheffield. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— 2.

RODGER WYLDE: Midfielder signed professional in July, 1971. Born Sheffield. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 12st. L. App:— 106 and 10 sub. G:— 32.

MANY players are cool, calm and collected when asked what they will do when their comparatively short careers as players are over. "We'll manage," they often say.

And if they play for Celtic, chances are they aren't joking!

Examine the managers of clubs in Scotland and England over the past few years and you will see exactly what I mean.

It seems a glorious career in the first team at Parkhead is just what the director ordered for first-class managerial material whether it be as boss or assistant.

Look no further than my own club where Celtic legends Billy McNeill and John Clark are in charge. And yet they are not alone in the Premier Division by any stretch of the imagination.

Pat Stanton is assistant boss at Aberdeen, Bertie Auld is in charge of Partick Thistle, and Mike Jackson is assistant-manager of Morton.

And in the First Division Tommy



front, Dundee United proved the seriousness of their Championship challenge with that mid-December 3-0 thrashing of Rangers, at Tannadice, so making some people look twice at my SHOOT predictions of an Old Firm one-two in the title race.

I say "Well done, United..." but one swallow doesn't make a summer. I stand by my forecast that Celtic and Rangers will move to the top by Spring.

And talking of Rangers and Celtic I have a nice story about the other side of Old Firm fans... the REAL side.

Everyone knows about the yobos who make the headlines with antics which would have put a caveman to shame, yet I didn't see any front page stories about the Rangers and Celtic supporters who faced up to one another... for a fine cause.

Teams representing both supporters clubs met in a challenge match in Glasgow to raise money for the widow of Bobby McKean,

the Rangers winger who died so tragically.

The match was watched by myself, Tommy Burns, Derek Johnstone, Colin Jackson and Kenny Watson. It finished 3-3 but Rangers won on penalties. It was played in the best of spirits.

Which reminds me to wish you all the best for the New Year.

See you in two weeks...

Danny McGrain

**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE**

'MANAGERS ARE MADE AT CELTIC'

Gemmell, at Dens Park, has Willie Wallace as coach. Eric Smith was succeeded at Hamilton by Davie McParland, once Celts' assistant boss, and Kilmarnock had Willie Fernie in charge until recently.

Down South you will have heard of a guy called Tommy Docherty and Pat Crerand, Bobby Collins and Jimmy Frizzell know a little of the managerial side of things. Bobby Murdoch is coach at Middlesbrough and even over in Ireland Tommy Callaghan is manager of Galway Rovers.

Oh yes, and there is a Mr Stein in charge of Scotland nowadays!

Rangers too have supplied a few managers to the football world... people like John Greig, Alex Ferguson, Davy Wilson, Scot Symon, George Young, Roger Hynd, Craig Brown and Ian McMillan.

Candidates

Scotland managers Bobby Brown and Ian McColl were once idols of Ibrox, too. So why is it Old Firm men make such good candidates for the hot seats of football?

I think it is a chicken and egg situation. Rangers and Celtic players work under the best bosses and feed off the experience, when they eventually move into management.

I am sure that every player in the 1967 Lisbon Lions Celtic team could have become a manager or coach at some level of the game if they had really wanted.

Mind you, having said that, I do accept that a great player doesn't necessarily mean a great manager... and vice versa.

I'm sure Jock Stein won't take offence when people say he wasn't a world beater as a player... but it was a different story when the Big Man graduated to the other side of the manager's desk.

It takes all kinds of assets to become a boss and maybe one day I shall want the chance to prove I

have them. I will wait for another five or six years before having to make that decision.

But if I do take over a hot seat I think it will be important to show an aggressive streak to my players.

Different players require different kinds of motivation. Some need bawling out, some need prompting and others need softer handling. Most managers need a degree in psychology.

Meanwhile back on the action

Tartan Talk **DANNY
McGRAIN**



Former Celtic star, Billy McNeill is now boss at Parkhead.

WORLD WIDE

COMPILED BY  CHRIS DAVIES

THE highlight of 1978 was, of course, the World Cup Finals. Argentina, cheered on by their marvellous fans, took the Cup with their own brand of attacking football, masterminded by coach César Luis Menotti. Since June 25th, the 13 players who represented Argentina in the Final have had different fortunes. One, Mario Kempes, was already playing abroad; Ardiles, Tarantini and Bertoni have since been transferred abroad. The players who have stayed in Argentina are all still with the same clubs. Here, we take a look at . . .

THE FATE OF THE WORLD CUP WINNERS

"PATO" FILLOL (River Plate)

Ubaldo (below) to give him his real name, is in superb form and has been ever since the World Cup, fully living up to his reputation of being the tournament's top 'keeper. One headline, after a River away game, read: "They sent ten jerseys and a goal-keeper!" When River failed in the Copa Libertadores, FilloI was said to be fed up with the bad atmosphere and wanted a move, preferably to England, but now the club captain is happy again.



JORGE OLGUIN
(San Lorenzo)

Olguin at sweeper is not a change of position, but rather a return to his club role. Menotti converted him to right-back for the World Cup. Now team captain, Jorge (above, right) is seldom

seen in attack, a feature of his World Cup play, even though he takes all of San Lorenzo's free-kicks, very effectively, too.



LUIS GALVAN
(Talleres)

In good form for last year's (1977) runners-up in the National Championship, showing strong attacking tendencies in hitherto rare surges upfield. Now captain, teams-up at centre-back with World Cup reserve Oviedo. Galvan was the only player in Argentina's World Cup side from a provincial League club (Talleres are from Córdoba).

DANIEL PASSARELLA (River Plate)

Not captain of his club, as he was of Argentina, but more than ever now (with the retirement of the veteran Per-fumo) Daniel (below) needs to command his defence. Fortunately, FilloI seems to be stopping anything that gets through! Only now is Passarella making those dangerous surges into attack, which made him one of his country's most dangerous players in June. He has been sent-off since the World Cup, and, like others, has suffered from too much football.



ALBERTO TARANTINI
(Birmingham City)

Took him a long while to get fixed up with a club after the Finals. Going straight into a Birmingham side fighting against relegation hasn't been easy for Alberto (above). The early incident with Brian Greenhoff didn't help his image, either. Perhaps it's a little too early to judge Tarantini, although he will inevitably be compared with his fellow Argentines in England who are doing well.

OSVALDO ARDILES (Spurs)

There were few raised eyebrows when Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw bought the tiny midfielder, but just a

few months later "Ossie" is the biggest draw in League soccer. Spurs are attracting the top crowds in the First Division, as a recent table proved, and Ardiles is the main reason. He has settled down quickly to the demands of English soccer, forsaking none of his South American skill. A superb player and we're fortunate to be able to see him regularly.



AMERICO GALLEGO
(Newell's Old Boys)

Gallego (above) looked set to join River in the transfer period, but the asking price was too high. Since the World Cup, Gallego has assumed a new role of attacking midfielder, rather than the anchor-man as he was for Argentina. Gallego now gets amongst the goals more often and has shown he can create as well as tackle, his main job in the World Cup.

MARIO KEMPES (Valencia)

Kempes arrived back at Valencia with the difficult task of re-motivating himself after being proclaimed the world's Number One — and he hasn't succeeded. Team-mate West German Rainer Bonhof says: "I had this problem when I rose to fame in the 1974 World Cup. I was keen to put this to financial advantage in terms of commercial contracts and there's no doubt that this affected my game. I can see the same symptoms in Mario now." Kempes scored only three times in the first three months of the Spanish League and has

clearly yet to recover his appetite for the game. He hasn't done his public image much good by recently disclosing intimate details of his sex life in a magazine interview.



DANIEL BERTONI
(Sevilla)

Bertoni hasn't exactly set the Spanish League alight since Sevilla paid £390,000 for him in the summer, though the club directors are happy with the effect he's had on gate receipts. The 23-year-old striker hasn't struck anything like his top form, scoring four goals in the first 11 League matches and being outshaded by fellow Argentinian Hector "rocket-shot" Scotta, who's the idol of the Sevilla fans.



LEOPOLDO LUQUE
(River Plate)

Only playing well in patches, suffering from a lack of decent service. Luque is at his best with a hard-working midfielder who breaks into the penalty-area, as Kempes did during the World Cup. Then, Luque (below) often went out towards the left, allowing Mario to come inside. Luque hasn't had this support with River, as Alonso hasn't been fully fit.



OSCAR ORTIZ
(River Plate)

The crux of River Plate's poor form has been the failure of the midfield and this, naturally, has affected the play of left-winger Ortiz (below), although he gets high ratings since he continues to give the run-around to any full-back who man-marks him. Ortiz needs to put more variety into his game and break into the middle more often.



OMAR LARROSA
(Independiente)



Came on as sub in the Final. Larrosa is a player who seldom shines, but makes those around him play well. He can be very inconsistent and it was Argentina's good fortune he had such a good game in place of the injured Ardiles when Peru were thrashed 6-0. Larrosa had a very poor Metropolitan League campaign, which led to fans complaining bitterly and even asking for his departure. Manager Pastoriza stood by the player, however, and his form has now picked up helping Independiente to defend their National title.

RENE HOUSEMAN
(Huracan)

The return of 1974 star Carlos Babington to Huracan's midfield has helped Houseman (below) find his best form again, which had not been since except in the odd burst in 1978. Houseman (a sub in the Final) is his own worst enemy and becomes depressed when he thinks he is boring the fans because he has run out of new tricks. He gets into trouble by missing training. Babington seems to have the key, though — they were together in Menotti's 1973 Championship-winning Huracan side.



...and why RUUD KROL is still bitter



Ruud Krol (left) in action v. Argentina in the World Cup Final.

SIX months have gone by since Argentina beat Holland 3-1 in Buenos Aires to take the World Cup. The Dutch reaction immediately after the match was to embark on bitter criticisms of the referee, the Italian Signor Sergio Gonella. As time has slipped by and club football has resumed its normal course, tempers have cooled, but Dutch captain Ruud Krol still harbours bitter memories that cool afternoon in Buenos Aires.

He shrugs his shoulders and says: "Well, Argentina won and they're the World Champions — and that's all there is to be said. But I think their method of winning must have left them with a bit of a sour taste in the mouth. My team-mates think the same, and I reckon anyone who saw the match on television must agree with me."

The Dutch captain grimaces as though trying to shake off the bad memory. "For a start, they were eight minutes late coming out for the kick-off, and that's downright bad manners, especially for the host nation, who should be trying to set an example."

We asked him whether this psychological warfare, based on the Argentinians objecting to Rene van der Kerkhof's plaster he wore on an arm, had upset the Dutch team's concentration.

"It made us a little angry, but even worse was to come when the game started."

We had to prompt Ruud to go into detail, and he wasn't forthcoming until we asked him his opinion of Italian referee Sergio Gonella. "I'm 'pleased'

that thanks to his refereeing we came second. And I'm happy that he has retired from refereeing."

Another pause in the conversation, as if Krol realised he was making provocative comments and was trying to keep his temper in check.

"No, I can't remember any one detail in the game where he was unfair to us — he simply favoured the Argentinians. I wouldn't like to say that he was deliberately chosen to do just that, but that's the way it seemed."

The conversation turned towards Holland's creditable record of reaching two consecutive World Cup Finals, and their possibilities of producing another good performance in Spain in 1982.

"I hope we will do well in 1982. We won't have the same problems as this time and a European venue will mean that we won't have the same anti-Holland atmosphere."

We asked Krol whether he meant an anti-Holland atmosphere or an anti-Krol atmosphere... after all the Argentinian Press had made great play of a "romance" between Krol and his team-mate Suurbier.

For the first time he laughed. "I think they started these stories because I criticised the way Argentina won, and they wanted to get back at me. They also published a letter which I was supposed to have written to my daughter, but the letter was in English!"

"Only a madman would think I would write to my five-year-old daughter in a foreign language! I made a formal complaint, but the Argentinian Press just ignored it. Let's face it, I didn't like the atmosphere in Argentina at all."

Welsh striker John Toshack talks about



DAVE WATSON, Manchester City and England. 5ft. 11½in., 11st. 7lb. Nottingham-born, started with County then on to Rotherham and Sunderland, often in goal-scoring roles, then City. Made his England debut during his Sunderland stint in 1974. He has won 37 England caps.



WHO IS OUR

TAKE an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman, all super-class centre-halves, playing in the Football League. And take a Welshman, a teak-tough striker who played against them all at top level and, therefore, knew their strengths and weaknesses.

Which is how John Toshack, former Liverpool goal-getter and Welsh international, player-manager now of Swansea City, comes to "referee" a contest involving Dave Watson, David O'Leary and Gordon McQueen.

Opening remarks from John Toshack:

"I'm determined to be fair to O'Leary, and there's no doubting that he is a very fine top-flight player. But I haven't played against him for a while — in fact it was three years ago, and he was only 18 then. His inexperience showed through in front of our crowd at the Kop, and he gave away two penalty-kicks.

"You can't judge a man on that. Television can be misleading.

Since then David has become one of the most improved defenders in the game. Now everybody in football knows he is a really fine player, cool, commanding, unflurried. But David still has much to learn before he can provide a serious challenge to the other two.

So it is down to a battle between McQueen and Watson."

General defensive ability, especially heading?

Toshack: "McQueen and Watson

are generally regarded as the best stoppers in the game. They are the kind of players who encourage the best from opponents. I found it best not to get into a one-against-one situation against either of them if possible, but try to drag them off somewhere and leave a bit of room for team-mates. Yet they are cagey, and being true professionals, will not be led too far astray.

"But in the air, they are level pegging. They are equally dangerous in set-piece situations, where they get into position so quickly and act so decisively. Both are adept at getting into the right place, taking the initiative, and then making things happen."

What about positional dominance in defensive positions?

Toshack: "Finding weaknesses in either fellow is difficult. But if I detect a subtle difference, it comes in this department. While Watson

is very much the ball-watcher, I have found personally that it was possible to lose the close attentions of McQueen at some time, somewhere, in a match. It was simply a matter of him losing concentration for a moment. Yet it's 12 months since I played against him, and all the signs are that since he joined Manchester United from Leeds United he's tightened up on that very important department of his game."

Tackling power?

Toshack: "Well, does anybody really tackle these days at top level? No, seriously, Watson and McQueen are top of the class and they are all-rounders in the way they cope with the game at that top level. It's level pegging in that area of the game. The most skilful foreign players can be made to look ordinary when McQueen and Watson power into a decisive, well-timed tackle."

three centre-halves to discover..

DAVID O'LEARY, Arsenal and Republic of Ireland. 5ft. 11in., 11st. 3lb. London-born and a one-club man. Educated in Dublin, Highbury-based apprentice at 15. More than 100 League games. International debut 1977 against England, a 1-1 draw at Wembley. Said to be one of our highest-paid stars.

GORDON McQUEEN, Manchester United and Scotland. 6ft. 3½in., 13st. 3lb. Born in Kilbirnie. Started with St. Mirren, then to Leeds and on to United for £500,000 in early 1978. Made United debut in front of 50,000 at Liverpool... but United lost 3-1. 22 Scotland caps.



TOP STOPPER?

Distribution, having won the ball?

Toshack: "Here I think I'll give Dave Watson the edge. He's a good passer of the ball over short distances or upwards of 30 yards and he doesn't waste much. So he gets my vote here, but it is a desperately close contest all the same."

Then what about temperament?

Toshack: "Of course, this was always the big question mark against McQueen. Maybe there was justification for it in earlier days. But there's no doubt in my mind that the once volatile Scot has settled down and learned to live with the terrific pressures placed on him at club and international level. There's not much in it between the two of them now in

this important area of the game.

"Yet you have got to remember that time when McQueen was sent-off in Barcelona in the Semi-Final of the European Cup and missed playing in the Final with Leeds. That must have shaken him up a lot, but some good will have come out of the exercise if he learned something from the experience. McQueen really has settled down so far as temperament is concerned."

Conclusion

If finally put on the spot, which one would John Toshack pick out? Both players have a steadfast fan following — and Republic of Ireland manager Johnny Giles is convinced that O'Leary is now the best centre-half in the British Isles.

Tommy Docherty, though a Scot, picked Watson for his imagi-

nary World team. "He's big, quick, can play it on the deck, and he's not afraid to mix it, just what you want from a centre-half."

But Toshack finally came down in favour of... Gordon McQueen. "He's put right the odd weakness over concentration and temperament. For a big lad — he's the biggest of the three — he really does move fast around the pitch. He's a dominating kind of defender, capable of changing the whole course of a game with a face-saving tackle or match-winning goal. So it's the Manchester United and Scotland international for me."

However, John Toshack begged leave to name another player as the most "complete" centre-half he played against in the First Division — Roy McFarland.

Derby's Liverpool-born centre-

half, who started with Tranmere Rovers, was capped 28 times by England and has played nearly 400 Football League games for Derby County.

Says Toshack: "He has it all. A really fine player with all the skills. But like myself, he had bad luck with injuries."

"There's no telling what heights he would have reached if he had been a luckier player."

"But I'll say this, in days not so long ago, Toshack and Keegan, of Liverpool, pitched against McFarland and Colin Todd, of Derby County, was the kind of clash that really packed the fans into grounds."

"Still, despite O'Leary coming on so well, and despite Watson's brilliance, I'll plump for Gordon McQueen."

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. England B side beat Czechoslovakia in Prague in November. The three players pictured (right) appeared for England during the game ... can you identify them?

2. Another London club in the news was Charlton Athletic. They suffered their biggest defeat of the season on December 12th when they lost 6-1. Which side hammered them?

3. The Anglo-Scottish Cup was also played recently between Burnley and Oldham Athletic over two legs. What was the aggregate score?

4. Former Scotland boss Ally MacLeod resigned as manager of Ayr United to take charge of which Scottish Premier club?

5. Tottenham Hotspur increased their spending since returning to the First Division to well over £1m when they paid around £100,000 for a Second Division goalkeeper. Can you name him and his former club?

6. Derby's Bruce Rioch went on a month's loan to Birmingham City, Chelsea or Aston Villa?

7. Former team-mate of Rioch, Charlie George, had his plans to leave Derby for another Midland club foiled. Which club did the Derby board refuse George to join?

8. Chelsea played Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge recently in a testimonial for Charlie Cooke. Did the game finish 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 to the First Division club?

9. Did Ken Shellito resign or was he sacked as manager of Chelsea?



Old Firm rivals Celtic at Hampden Park in the Scottish League Cup Semi-Finals. (a) What was the score after 90 minutes and (b) that defeat means Celtic will miss their first League Cup Final since 1963-64, 1964-65 or 1965-66?

14. In the other Semi, Aberdeen played Hibernian. (a) Again, the game went to extra-time ... which club won through to the Final and (b) where was it played?

10. Name the former Liverpool stars currently playing with Swansea City?

11. Which Second Division manager skippered Spurs to a U.E.F.A. Cup Final victory in 1971-72 as a player?

12. Manchester United were linked with two Argentinian World Cup stars recently. Passarella was one ... can you name the other?

13. Glasgow Rangers gained a fine 3-2 victory after extra-time against

15. Stoke City's Terry Conroy (bottom of page) is an international for which country?

LEAGUE CUP

The Football League Cup Quarter-Finals were played recently. Can you answer the following questions?

16. Southampton reached the Semis for the first time when they beat Manchester City at The Dell. What was the score?

17. Holders Nottingham Forest kept a tight hold of the trophy by knocking out Brighton 3-1 at home. Who scored their three goals?

18. Luton's fine run was ended by Leeds United 4-1. Was the game played at Kenilworth Road or Elland Road?

19. The best result must have been Watford's tremendous 0-0 draw away to Stoke City. Was the attendance at The Victoria Ground 20,070, 26,070 or 28,070?

20. True or false? This was Watford's third appearance in the Quarter-Finals.

ANSWERS:

1. From left: Bob Hazell, Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham. 2. Preston North End. 3. 4-2 to Burnley. 4. Motherwell. 5. Milija Aleksić, Luton. 6. Birmingham. 7. Nottingham Forest. 8. 2-0. 9. Resig. 10. John Toshack, Waddle and Phil Boersma. 11. Alan Mullery of Brighton. 12. Filhol. 13. (a) 2-2. (b) 1963-64. 14. (a) Hibs. (b) Dens Park. 15. Eire. 16. 2-1. 17. John McGovern, John Robertson and Garry Birtles. 18. Elland Road. 19. 26,070. 20. False — it was their first appearance.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Liam. (5) Robins. (10) Islet. (12) Nat. (13) Exeter. (15) To. (16) Rich. (17) Scow. (19) Ritchie. (22) Les. (23) Pa. (24) Onside. (25) One. (27) Mow. (30) Arc. (31) Era. (32) Leg. (34) Aston. (36) Really. (38) Can. (40) Hart. (41) Dens. DOWN:— (1) Liverpool. (2) Is. (3) Alert. (4) Mexico. (6) One. (7) Bars. (8) It. (9) Slows. (11) Technical. (14) This. (15) Toe. (18) Clemence. (20) Ian. (21) Eighty. (26) Eager. (28) Or. (29) Warns. (33) Era. (35) Sly. (37) At. (39) An. Jumbled Name: WILLIE DONACHIE.

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Eintracht Home	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
Eintracht Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
Bahrain	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
Leeds Home	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
Leeds Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
Wales Home	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Men's	Large
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Nothing second rate about Scotland's First Division

NOT surprisingly the harsh glare of publicity has centred on the Premier Division in Scotland this season. Managers, players, fans and critics have been astonished at the tightness of the situation involving the elitists.

Teams talking about winning the title have discovered they are far from safe from relegation. The competitiveness of this Division has been astounding, but the same applies to the other two Divisions, so often ignored by the media.

This week SHOOT focuses its attention on the First Division. Our verdict is the thrills and action render it first class entertainment. There is nothing second rate here. The fans are getting good value for money.

On one Saturday this season only one of the top seven teams managed a victory. That's competition.

Dundee, Ayr United, Kilmarnock and Dumbarton all lost, Clyde were held to a draw, and Clydebank were losing to St. Johnstone before the game was abandoned because of a power failure. The lone winners were Hamilton, who defeated Montrose 3-1.

Ayr are no doubt surprised by the high standard in this Division since their relegation from the Premier at the end of last season. They slid down the League after a string of disappointing results and manager Alex Stuart, now boss of St. Johnstone, quit allowing Ally MacLeod to give up the international scene and return to Somerset Park.

Ally has since left for Motherwell, of course.

There is a wealth of experience in this Division. Clubs are putting entertainment first. Morton were spectacular last season, grasping top prize as Champions.

Cappielow captain Davie Hayes says: "We were probably a more attractive outfit last season."

'Governed'

"In the First there is opportunity to go forward. Teams aren't governed by fear. Look at Kilmarnock.

"We played them in the League Cup this season. They were two goals ahead of us after the first-leg at Rugby Park. They really came at us and probably deserved to win.

"We expected a defensive, containing game at Greenock in the return. Imagine our surprise when they attacked us. Not many teams come to Cappielow and do that.

"We won with a goal in extra-time from Andy Ritchie. A marvellous match.

"Yet when Hibs came on League Cup business they shut up shop. Premier Division opposition weren't going to take the same risks."

Alex Stuart believes in giving the fans plenty to cheer and he is setting about doing that with relegation-threatened St. Johnstone. An attacking wing-unit with Dundee and Dundee United, he has taken that same offensive attitude into management.

His mark is being felt already at

Muirton. He has brought the midfield skills of Johnny Hamilton, the former Hibs, Rangers and Millwall player, and has also spent £30,000 on Ayr striker Walker McCall, who unfortunately broke a leg on his home debut.

"This is the second time I have bought Walker," says Stuart. "I signed him for Ayr when manager there. He is big, brave, strong, good in the air, and has one of the hardest shots I have ever seen."

He once told his goalkeepers at Somerset Park not to try to save McCall's shots during practice. Goalkeeper Hugh Sproat broke a finger saving from McCall in training.

Despite his injury McCall's signing for £30,000 was a bargain. Stuart had already turned down a bid of £60,000 from Motherwell when he was Somerset Park manager earlier in the season!

Indeed, McCall might have been



St. Johnstone's Johnny Hamilton

starring for former European Champions Ajax. The Amsterdam club were highly impressed with McCall when he played for San Diego Sockers in the North American League last summer. They dropped their interest when they found he was registered with Ayr.

Kilmarnock, too, have fine players. They paid a combined fee of around £80,000 for strikers John Bourke (Dundee United) and Joe Cairney (Airdrie).

Bourke was once tipped for full international honours — at Dundee United. Now, after leaving the Tannadice club for personal reasons, he has taken his undisputed scoring talents to Rugby Park.

Clyde, too, are giving the fans plenty to shout about. The little part-time Shawfield outfit won the Second Division title last season under the guidance of Craig Brown, once Willie McLean's assistant at Motherwell.

Now, McLean is a rival manager with Raith Rovers and, in fact, they accompanied Clyde in the promotion stakes last year.

The Shawfield side's accent is on attack. In their first 20 games of the season they hit 38 goals.

Despite losing stars in the transfer market they have still maintained a settled rhythm and,

within the next couple of years should be ready to put in a determined challenge in the Premier Division.

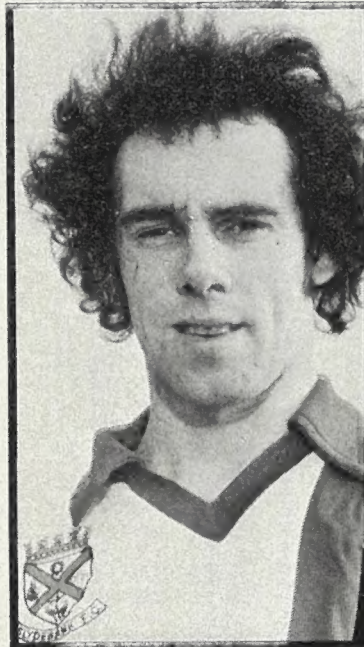
Davy Wilson, the former Rangers left-winger, is now Dumbarton's boss and is trying to bring the attacking instincts of his playing days to bear at Boghead Park.

In recent years Bourke, Tom McAdam (Celtic), Ian Wallace (Coventry City) and £100,000 Murdo MacLeod (also Celtic) have taken the trail out of Dumbarton, yet Wilson's side, like Clyde, manage to entertain their fans.

Another popular club with the neutral fans are Clydebank, who lost their way a bit last season in the Top Ten, but never lost their hunger for goals.

The swift Davie Cooper, and strike force of Mike Larnach and Billy McColi made them an exciting team. But, sadly that trio have departed.

Manager Bill Munro has reshaped the side and looks to have found another winner in striker Blair Miller, a strong



Blair Miller of Clydebank

candidate for the Division's top marksman award.

English clubs have watched him, and although he has obvious rough edges, he is always likely to score goals. For instance, when Clydebank beat Clyde 2-1 at Shawfield this season the pitch was like a skating rink. Miller didn't have a particularly outstanding game, but still managed to score both goals to take the points.

If Miller lacks top class experience the same cannot be said for Hamilton's Bobby Graham, the former Liverpool, Coventry City and Motherwell midfielder.

Graham is having a good season in Hamilton's push up the Division. Manager Davie McParland, former assistant boss to Jock Stein at Celtic is ambitious and is drawing on all his experience to bring top class soccer to Douglas Park.

Remember it was McParland who put Partick Thistle back on the map when they beat Celtic 4-1

in the League Cup Final in '72 to take their first major trophy to Firhill in 50 years.

He hopes the Midas touch will return again as he tries to breathe new life into Hamilton. They might surprise a lot of teams before the season ends.

Another member of the First Division class who has seen the good and bad side of football is Ayr's midfielder man Brian McLaughlin, the former Celtic babe who was once tipped to be as big a star as Kenny Dalglish.

McLaughlin's career at Parkhead was really taking off seven years ago when he was severely injured after a tackle from Willie McVie, the Motherwell centre-back, who was then with Clyde.

It was a crunching tackle and the ground was hushed as the youngster was carried off. When he finally returned that 'golden' touch was missing. Last season Jock Stein traded McLaughlin, plus £15,000, for Ayr's resolute defender Joe Filippi.

No one could have blamed McLaughlin for being bitter. His dreams of the big-time had taken a rapid nosedive, but the midfielder has now picked up the pieces and is beginning to emerge again as a player of imagination and superb ability.

Spectacular

He has regained his confidence. It showed dramatically this season when he scored a spectacular goal against Aberdeen in the League Cup Quarter-Final tie at Pittodrie.

McLaughlin shrugged off a tackle out on the right, moved inside and then unleashed a vicious, wicked effort into the net from 25 yards. Even Aberdeen's fans had to applaud.

So, the First Division is healthy. At the start of the season SHOOT tipped Dundee and Ayr United for promotion and, of course, both clubs are very much in the running, but they can take nothing for granted until the last kick of the ball in the last game of the season.

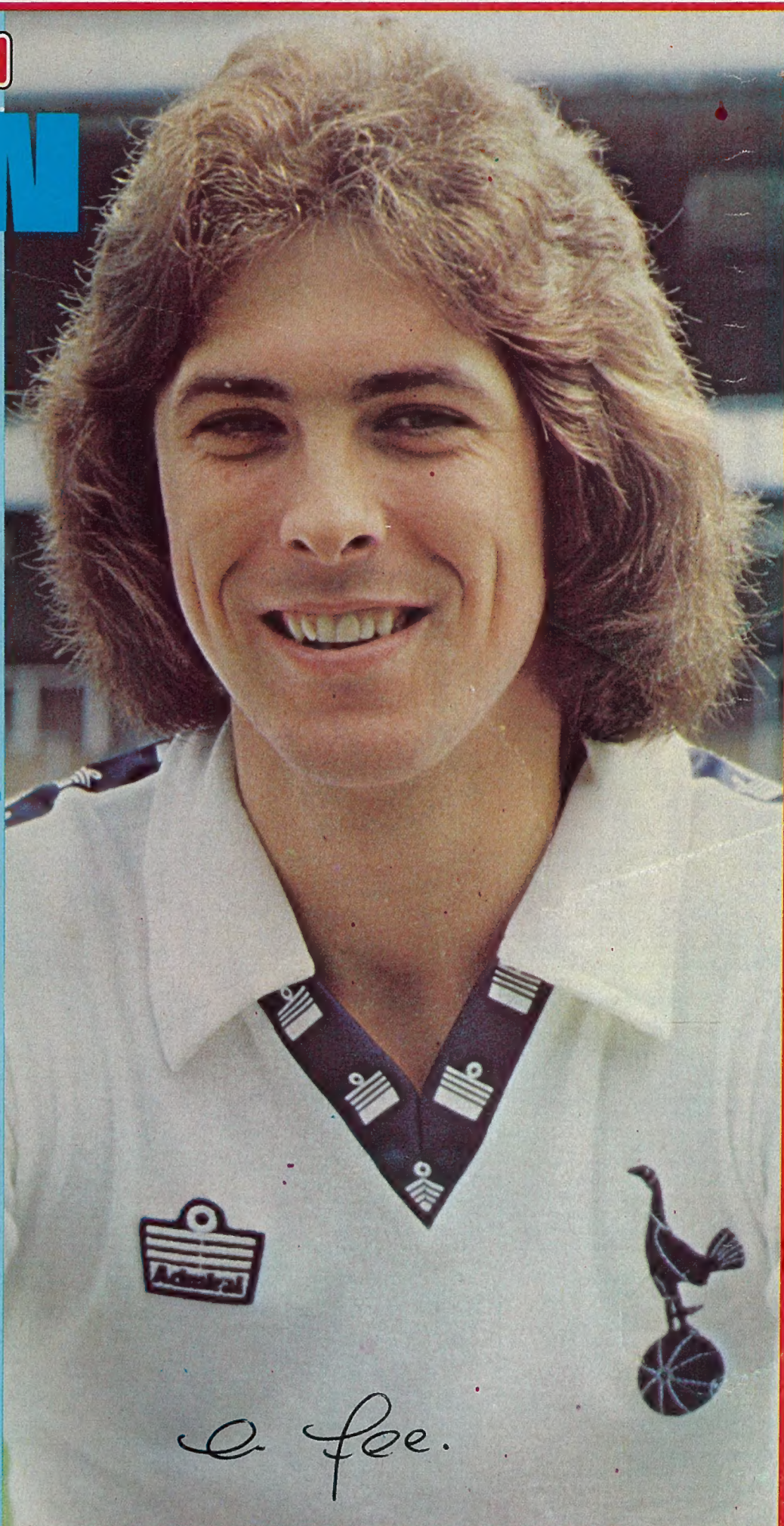


Kilmarnock's John Bourke

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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: West Brom defender John Wile
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Debut for Spurs against Bristol Rovers
BIGGEST THRILLS: Scoring four goals in the above game and getting promotion last season
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